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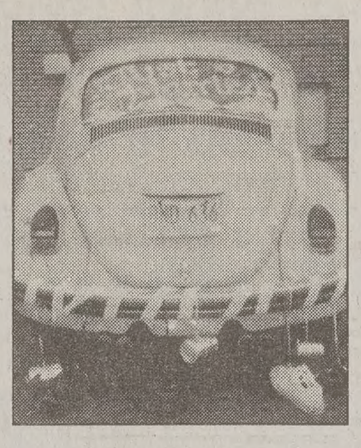

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— George Wither, poet

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Bighorn back in Wasatch Front

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One of thirty-two Bighorn Sheep explores its new home on Wednesday.The sheep were transplanted to the Wasatch Front from Alberta Canada. Once native to the area, the species had been eradicated by hunters, disease and other problems.

Bighorn sheep have not been seen on Mount Timpanogos for more than 60 years, but now they are reappearing.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has implemented a project to transplant bighorn sheep back into the Wasatch Front.

"We're hoping to establish a viable population of bighorn sheep on Mount Timpanogos and Provo Peak. It is historic bighorn habitat and we're restoring them to that habitat," said Jim Karpowitz, coordinator with the UDWR in Salt Lake City.

Bighorn sheep are native to this area, but because of hunting, disease and other problems, they were lost during the 1920s and 1930s.

Utah received 32 bighorn sheep from Alberta, Canada on Wednesday. Wildlife Resources has been working with the Alberta Environment on this project. The 32 sheep were trapped in Alberta and reintroduced to the mountains in Utah County.

"The habitat is perfect for bighorn sheep," Scott Root, Conservation Outreach Manager of Wildlife Resources said.

Root said the ewes transplanted should already be impregnated, which will immediately help boost the sheep population.

"If all goes well, these sheep will reproduce and we will have many more sheep in the mountains," Root said.

Ten sheep were released in Grove Creek of Pleasant Grove at 2 p.m. Wednesday. The remaining 22 were let go at Rock Canyon in Provo.

"We're really excited about the whole thing," Root said. "With that habitat they should be there forever."

Several organizations including Wildlife Resources, Foundation for North American Wildlife and the Forest Service have come together to replenish the sheep population.

"This project would not have been possible if it were not for many individuals who donated a large amount of money," Root said.

Karl Malone donated $100,000 and Robert Redford and Sundance, original partners in the project, also contributed money.

"We ended up with 32 sheep, and number 32 gave us 100,000 bucks so we could go put sheep on the mountain," said Don Peay of Wildlife Resources.

Karl Malone was at the transplant at Grove Creek in Pleasant Grove and opened up the trailer to release the sheep.

"It's wildlife. I grew up in Louisiana all my life with my brother hunting and just being able to have an opportunity to be involved in something like this," Malone said.

"This is the part of it that people never see. It's awesome, and I'm glad to be a part of it," he said.

An important reason for the transplant is to preserve the environment.

"Bighorn sheep are necessary for the ecosystem here," Root said. "Namely because they are native. Any time you have an animal that is native to an area, it belongs there."

Don Peay of the UDWR spoke at Grove Creek on Wednesday and explained a little background on this particular group of sheep.

"These sheep were scheduled to go to Idaho, but they thought it was too expensive and too much hassle for whatever reason ... and that is why Utah got these sheep," he said. "These sheep are the biggest sheep in the whole world in the area that we got them out of. And so Utah was lucky to get them."

This transplant was the second one done in Utah.

The first transplant took place last year. In January 2000, 25 sheep were introduced to Mount Timpanogos.

Jericho Whiting, a BYU student who works part-time for Wildlife Resources, monitored the group of 25 sheep, which were equipped with radio collars.

Hatch seeks title for historic trails

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Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, introduced legislation yesterday to give a number of historic trails — many of which were used by Mormon pioneers — the designation of National Historic Trails.

The new legislation, which is co-sponsored by Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, will give the nation its first new historic trails in more than 20 years.

In 1978, the Mormon Trail was one of several historical routes given National Historic Trail status by the National Trail Systems Act.

The narrowly drafted wording of the act defined trails as "point to point," limiting them to one beginning and end. As a result, alternate routes and branches off the main trail have not been officially designated.

Under Hatch's proposed legislation, alternate routes and branches can gain official Historic Trail status if they have documented national historical significance, and a potential for recreational or historical interest.

"The story of the early pioneers is as important to Utah and the West as the pilgrim story is to states such as Massachusetts and Virginia, and these trails tell that story," Hatch said in a news release.

"To those of us in the West, these trails are the highways of our history. I'm proud of the work that has already been done on these important trails, and this bill will add those important sections that have been left out," he said.

Gar Elison, president of the Mormon Trails Association, said he is excited to finally see Hatch's bill introduced.

Currently, the official Mormon Trail is the route Brigham Young first took from Winter Quarters, Neb., to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

According to Elison, that original designation is incomplete.

"It did not cover any of Iowa," said Elison. "It did not cover any of the alternate routes out of Winter Quarters, out of St. Joseph's and out of the other areas where in fact the greatest number of people came."

The Mormon Trail will not be the only trail to benefit from the new legislation. Elison said the bill is wide reaching and will affect many of the trails that have shaped the nation's past.

"What he introduced ... will cover the alternate routes used by the Mormons," Elison said. "But it also applies to parts of the Oregon-California Trail that were not fully brought in."

Under Hatch's measure, the new designations will not impede private property rights in any way, and the bill asks for no appropriations.

What the bill will do, according to Hatch's office, is help create an increased awareness that these roads, highways or walking trails played a crucial role in settling the West. It will also bring tourism to communities along the new trails, strengthening their economies.

Elison said he does not foresee any opposition to the bill, and hopes the bill will find its way through the Senate within the year.

Aid to India increases with death toll

Money, food sent to India

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Since a devastating 7.9-magnitude earthquake hit India Friday, 39 non-governmental organizations in the United States, in addition to the U.S. Agency for International Development, have been providing aid to India's victims, according to a USAID report.

USAID announced Sunday that it would provide $5 million to assist India in its time of crisis. In addition, a seven-person USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team arrived in India Monday to begin assessing earthquake damage and helping with relief efforts.

According to the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, unofficial estimates indicate up to 100,000 people have been killed and 200,000 injured since Friday's quake.

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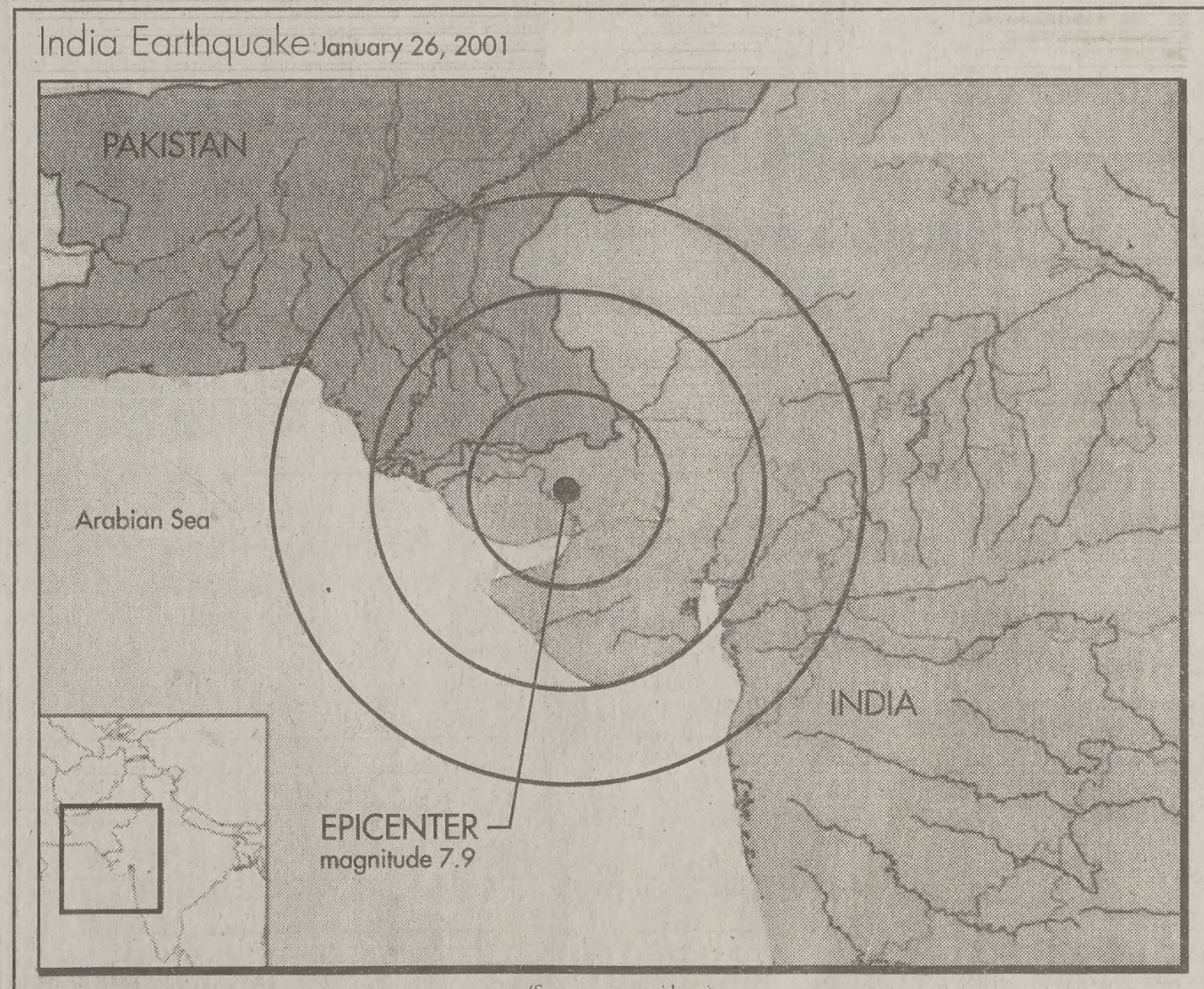

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Death count expected to reach 25,000

Associated Press

AHMEDABAD, India —Rescuers pulled survivors from the wreckage of India's earthquake just before bulldozers began to arrive Wednesday as the government of Gujarat state said 12,000 bodies had been recovered and the death toll was likely to reach 25,000.

The estimate is based on the number of bodies recovered, those reported missing, the estimated number still lying under debris and reports gathered by government agencies, said Haren Pandya, home minister of Gujarat.

"The figure I am giving you today is the closest to the truth," Pandya said, announcing the higher numbers an hour after the state's emergency control room had said 7,162 bodies had been found.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Tensions escalate into riots in Kosovo

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia — NATO-led peacekeepers fired tear gas at hundreds of Kosovo Albanians on Wednesday, trying to subdue rioters throwing stones and Molotov cocktails.

French peacekeepers in full riot gear cordoned off the bridge that divides the town of Kosovska Mitrovica into two parts, with ethnic Albanians living on the south side of the Ibar River and Serbs living on the north side. Peacekeepers fired volleys of tear gas and stun grenades to prevent the crowd from surging across the bridge.

Clouds of smoke rose and loud pops rattled the crowd as peacekeepers responded when rocks were thrown. A crowd of Serbs watched the standoff from the northern side of the bridge. Any collapse of the French line could lead to direct clashes between the ethnic Albanians and the Serbs.

Troops poured into the divided city to reinforce NATO-led peacekeepers.

Teen dies from crowd crush at concert

SYDNEY, Australia — A teen-age girl who suffered a heart attack while caught in a crush during a performance by U.S. rap-rock group Limp Bizkit died Wednesday, five days after the concert, a hospital spokesman said.

Six other people were hospitalized in the crush at a touring multi-band event called the Big Day Out, which drew a crowd of 55,000.

Limp Bizkit pulled out of its Australian tour after the crush last Friday and criticized concert organizers for providing inadequate security and safety measures — a claim organizers denied.

Big Day Out organizer Creative Entertainment agreed the event had become too big in Sydney and promised to either sell fewer tickets next year or spread it over two days.

Organizers blamed Limp Bizkit's volatile fans, not a lack of planning, for the problems, saying in a statement that Limp Bizkit's performance was "of sufficient intensity to provoke unprecedented and ferocious crowd activity in front of the stage."

Denver pays for police misconduct

DENVER — The City Council has approved a $1.2 million settlement with a teen-age burglar who was left paralyzed after a police officer shot him in the back three years ago.

The settlement, approved 9-2 Monday, is the largest ever in a Denver police misconduct case.

Officer Keith Cowgill responded to a house burglary on Jan. 27, 1998 when the shooting occurred.

As Cowgill approached the door, 12-year-old DeShawn Hollis came running out and Cowgill shot him in the back, according to the lawsuit. Cowgill said Hollis pointed a gun at him; Hollis maintained he had a weapon but never drew it.

Hollis later pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary and received probation.

The shooting left Hollis, now 15, a quadriplegic. He uses a wheelchair and breathes through a respirator. His attorney, Walter Gerash, said the city got off cheap because the shooting was not justified.

Denver could have paid Hollis up to $8 million because of the severity of his injuries and the size of his medical bills, assistant City Attorney John Eckhardt said.

Correction

A story in Wednesday's Daily Universe on page four about the Center for Language Studies contained incorrect information. On average, BYU offers 35 languages each semester. This semester, the Center for Language Studies is offering 13 less-commonly taught languages and the Foreign Language Department is offering 22 languages, according to Melvin Luthy, director of the Center for Language Studies. The Daily Universe regrets the error.

Weather

Yesterday	Today	Friday
High 34 Low 17 as of 5 p.m.	Partly Cloudy High 34 Low 21	Partly Cloudy High 39 Low 27

Precipitation
Yesterday 0"
Month to date 0.76"
Year to date 0.76"

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out faithful to the end they are received into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of neverending happiness."

— *Mosiah 2:41*

Annie Grimshaw, 21, an English Teaching major from Pasco, Wash., likes this scripture because "the promises sound so appealing, I can't help but try to choose the right!"

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Residents oppose proposed landfill

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Tonight's town meeting for residents of Eagle Mountain will discuss a proposed landfill in Cedar Valley.

Utah State Senator Bill Wright said he will attend the meeting to discuss legislative issues and concerns of residents about the proposed landfill.

Utah County officials have already planned and approved a 266-acre site five miles south of Fairfield and Eagle Mountain.

The land, consisting mostly of sagebrush, was originally zoned for mining and grazing.

Residents of Eagle Mountain are concerned that winds will create a cloud of dust from the landfill, blanketing their community with unclean air.

Melvin Radmall, owner of the proposed landfill, explained that the landfill is located 5.5 miles from Eagle Mountain.

This distance should greatly decrease the amount of dust accumulating over Eagle Mountain, he said.

Although the landfill covers 266 acres, Radmall said less than one acre of the site will be exposed at a time.

Another concern of local residents is the effect the landfill will have on groundwater.

Radmall said the proposed landfill would accept construction and demolition material only.

Radmall said these construction and demolition materials are simply the "stuff you live in."

These types of materials are environmentally safe and have no effects on ground water.

Radmall also said no toxic, radioactive or hazardous materials would be buried in the landfill. Dead animal carcasses

Utah Power plea for rate increase

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Power went before the Utah Public Service Commission on Tuesday asking permission to immediately raise its rates to offset soaring energy costs throughout the western United States.

The utility, a subsidiary of Scottish Power's Pacificorp, is seeking to raise its rates by $142 million. The increase would cost its 640,000 customers about an extra $100 a year.

If Utah Power's interim request is approved, the increase will appear on consumer bills almost immediately, said Utah Power's spokesman Dave Eskelsen. The company wants the rate increase to be retroactive to Jan. 22.

Although Utah Power generates almost all its electricity for Utah, the company occasionally needs to buy even more to meet peak demand.

Almost $95 million request comes as a result company going onto the sp ket to buy the extra power to meet customer d Eskelsen said.

Standing in the way of t sive interim rate hike Committee of Co Services, which speaks f sumers and small business in utility rate cases.

The Committee of Co Services planned to urge t Wednesday to approve a smaller temporary rate i for the utility, som between $23 million and $ lion.

The company filed for t sive rate increase on Jan usually takes months bef company, the PSC and oth regulators are ready to hol hearing, but Utah Power t PSC it needs relief now.

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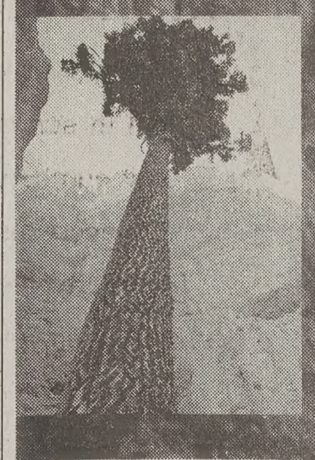

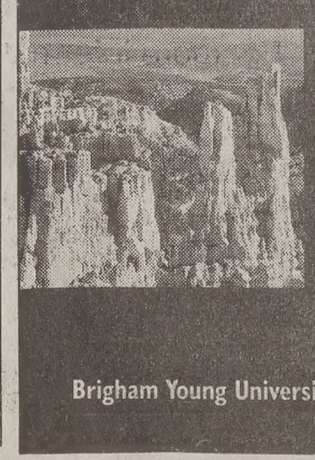

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mbassador hails 25 years of Spanish success

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"I am overwhelmed by your presence," Ruperez said.

Twenty-five years ago Spain's Head of State Francisco Franco died and Juan Carlos De Borbon became king of Spain, Ruperez said.

A quarter century of success is how Ruperez described De Borbon's rule.

The success took centuries of learning and can be greatly attributed to the king and the monarch, Ruperez said.

The greatest success the Spanish people have celebrated is having the same king for 25 years.

"We have been blessed by God," Ruperez said. "Now we pray to God that another 25 years will be given to him to lead our country."

The country inherited from Franco was an isolated Spain that had lived under dictatorship for 40 years, he said.

It was a Spain scarred by the events of a civil war, a Spain suffering politically and economically.

"No one knew what would become of Spain after Franco died," Ruperez said.

However, the people of Spain knew they must overcome the bitter memory of the civil war that affected everyone, Ruperez said.

"We had to start by forgiving and forgetting, and we did," Ruperez said.

De Borbon was the first one to be an example and begin the efforts of reconciliation.

"He was able to forgive and forget for the benefit of all the Spanish population," Ruperez said.

Borbon was not and did not want to be the only character in Spain's process of recovery, Ruperez said.

Today, Spain enjoys the result of 25 years of change, he said.

With the building up of a bipartisan approach to foreign policy, Spain has become a member of the State of Europe and NATO.

Regardless of numerous progressive steps, Spain does have one problem to overcome in the future — terrorism, Ruperez said

If not for terrorism by activists in northern Spain, the country would be the ideal place, he said.

"We are a country satisfied with itself," Ruperez said.

The convictions of the Spanish citizens contributed to the success of the past 25 years, Ruperez said.

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Ambassador Javier Rujerez and his wife clap during a lecture at the Kennedy Center. Rujerez spoke about Spanish history of the past 25 years.

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Writer

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Annie Gill, 19, a sophomore from Norcross, Ga., majoring in human biology, and living in Helaman Halls, said she is not looking forward to ROTC's morning run.

"It sounds like a fun event but not when others are sleeping," Gill said. "Hello, people running by your house at six in the morning? That's not cool."

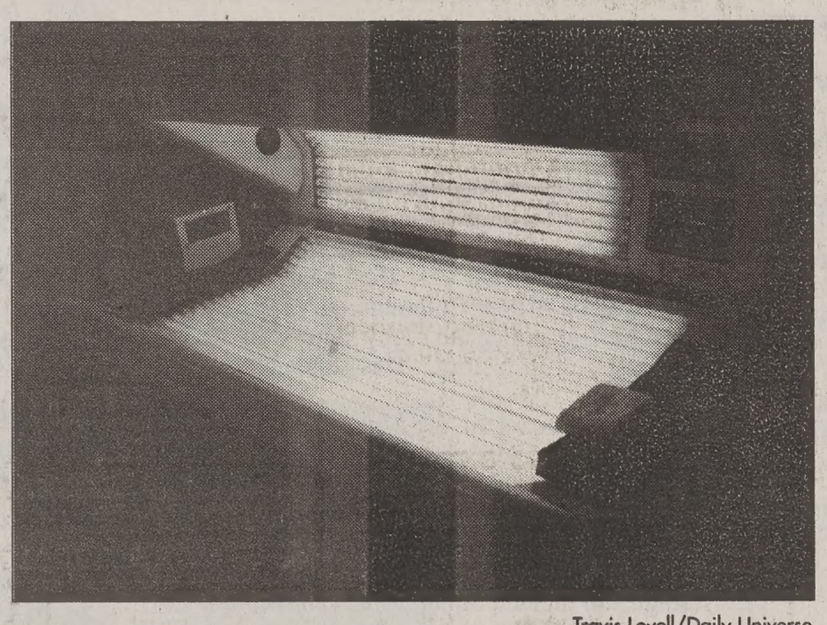
Even to some cadets, running about five miles at the crack of dawn isn't exactly their definition of fun either.

"It's kind of tough to wake up that early because I like to sleep in," Doultre said.

"I just tell them to suck it up and drive on," said Erik Verhoef, assistant professor of military science.

From 5:30 a.m. to 5:40 a.m., the cadets and commanders stretch and get in formation. For the next hour they run and call cadence. Finally, from 6:40 a.m. to 6:50 a.m., runners stand in final formation and awards are given to the loudest and most motivated cadets, Coe said.

Tanning salons thrive in winter



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Tanning beds such as this one at Electric Beach in Provo entice students during the winter. There is also concern that the beds may cause health problems.

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The winter months find some students trading in their skis and snowboards and hitting the beaches.

Electric beaches, that is.

During the nearly sunless months of winter, students are slathering on tanning lotion and rushing to local salons in search of darker skin, said Monique Wilson, an employee at Electric Beach Tanning Salon.

She said the winter months are the busiest.

"People get depressed in the winter, and tanning seems to cheer them up," Wilson said.

Motives for tanning vary from person to person, but according to Wilson, most people tan because they want to get a little color.

Christina Cole, 20, a sophomore from Salt Lake City, majoring in pre-nursing, said she hits the tanning bed about five times a month in the winter.

"I go tanning for color mostly," Cole said. "But it's also warm, relaxing, it clears up my skin .... It just feels nice."

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, more than one million Americans a day visit more than 18,000 tanning salons.

As the popularity of indoor tanning increases, so does speculation on the health risks and benefits associated with tanning beds.

Tanning salons have come under scrutiny with claims that tanning beds can cause skin cancer by emitting harmful UVA and UVB rays and can cause premature aging of the skin, according to the American Academy of Dermatology Web site.

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Call against violence

The words "anger" and "violence" usually bring to mind images of faraway wars, crimes in dark allies and graphic movie scenes, safely removed from our life at BYU.

But even in Provo, one activity can provoke angry and sometimes violent acts: sports.

Anger and violence resulting from athletic events is especially serious because it often comes from a loss of self-control.

Wars of words are the common end result of sports rage, but losing control helps confrontations escalate into violence.

Competitive athletics can turn normally peaceful men and women into irate competitors and observers at war with sporting rivals and officials.

Sports-related rage is widespread in church basketball games, youth athletic leagues, collegiate intramurals and professional athletics.

It ranges in severity from verbal abuse to death.

Last summer in Massachusetts, sports rage left one man dead.

A group of kids between 10 and 12 years old started an impromptu game of hockey at a local ice rink.

Although the players had agreed to a non-contact game, as the game progressed the players got more and more physical.

The 275-pound father of three of the participants, angry over checking, got in an argument with another player's 150-pound father. A fight erupted and the larger man beat the smaller man to death.

He was charged with and indicted for manslaughter, and eventually pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of battery.

In a moment of rage one child on the ice lost his father forever and three children lost their father to jail.

This story is an extreme example, but it illustrates loss of control.

On the intramural fields here at BYU, more games involve heated tempers than not.

If players took time to reflect on their loss of control in these situations, it might scare them. Who knows what extreme offense could happen, even at BYU?

The Utah State Legislature is considering a bill that would give violence against referees the same penalty as violence against police officers.

The sponsor, Rep. Dave Hogue, R-Riverton hopes that stiffer penalties will deter violence against referees.

But when people assault referees they are not concerned with the results of their actions.

In the heat of the moment, angry people act without thinking of the possible penalties.

The bill would protect referees, but how do we protect players and spectators?

The only realistic solution to angry, violent outbursts at athletic events is a conscious effort by all involved to remember that the game is only a game. We are responsible for our own actions – even in the heat of the game.

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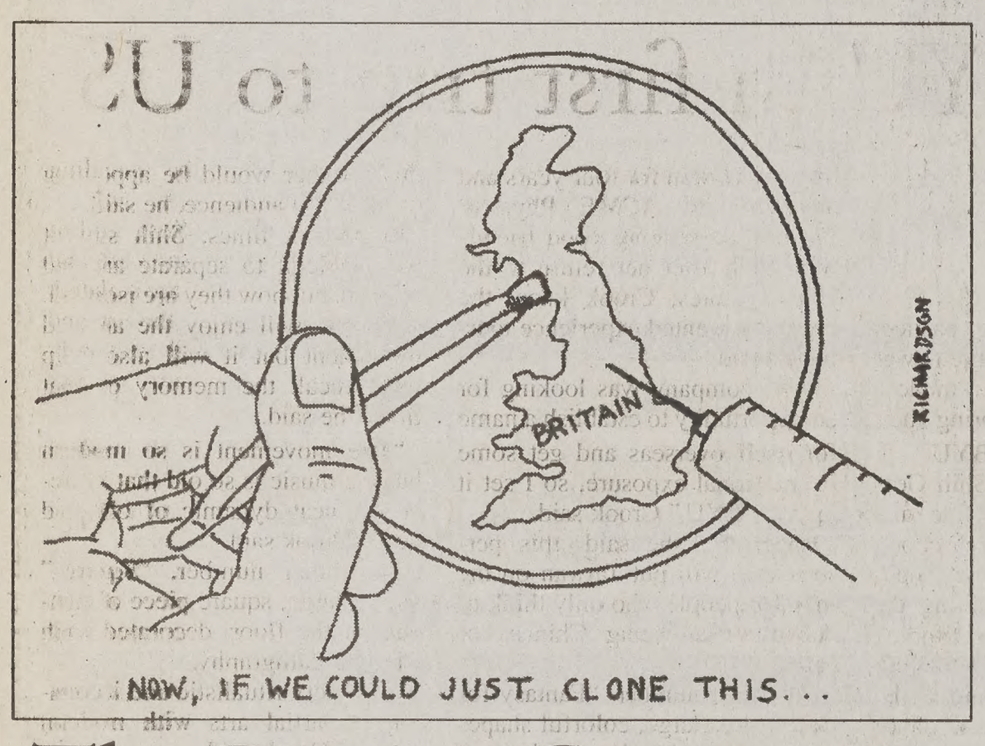

The Passive Generation

Everyone with a parent or an older sibling has heard of the Baby Boomers and Generation X. Allow me to introduce you to the Passive Generation.

Members of the Passive Generation are the children of the Baby Boomers and the younger siblings of the Generation X-ers.

Young adults in their twenties, they generally can be found floating their way through whatever system they happen to be in.

But perhaps their most classifying characteristic is that they don't care — about anything.

A few years ago, the San Francisco Examiner reported that only 27 percent of today's UCLA freshmen think it is important to keep up with political affairs, compared with 58 percent in 1966.

Hopefully this statistic is higher at BYU, but it signals an alarming trend.

Thirty years ago, the United States was in the throes of a tumultuous civil rights movement. Jan. 15 was the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. None of us went to school. How many of us remembered why?

King spent his lifetime fighting so blacks and whites could go to school together, drink out of the same drinking fountains, sit together on busses, and eat at the same restaurants.

And how does the Passive Generation respond to that? Martin Luther King who?

The problem is that too often we find little in our world worth fighting for. We live quiet lives in a quiet political atmosphere.

Our editorial pages are riddled with complaints about backpacks and cellular phones.

Especially at BYU, it seems easy to forget that there are still people in this world fighting daily battles for their civil rights, people who fight to put bread on the table and keep a roof over their heads.

Racism, sexism, bigotry, religious persecution – these words are not extinct. Nor will they ever be, especially if people remain unwilling to take a participatory role in the world around them.

We all need real causes to fight for. We can't let our fight for right end in the mission field or stagnate in a classroom.

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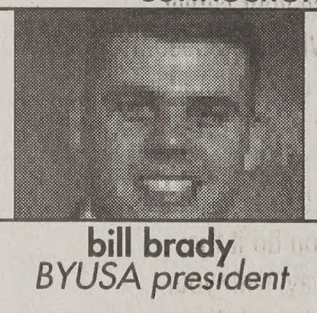

bill brady
BYUSA president

But causes worth fighting for aren't necessarily causes requiring ultimate sacrifices.

Every day and everywhere, there are organizations and opportunities available for any student wishing to let his or her voice be heard.

BYU itself is a melting pot of opportunity. Well over 100 clubs, service programs, and other worthwhile organizations are literally waiting for those with an active interest in learning, serving and participating to join their ranks.

I encourage you to stand up and be counted.

Have a voice in government, in politics, in service, in education. Have a voice at BYU.

Next Wednesday we will kick off this year's student body elections. Candidate pairs who have worked and prayed to find ways to serve the students will put themselves on the front lines and ask for your vote.

They will give you fliers, speak at debates, and stop you on the quad.

I urge you to listen.

Take the first step toward public activism by casting your vote in the BYUSA elections. Take the time to choose the best candidate team. Listen to their platforms. Make a wise decision.

High school elections were popularity contests. College elections, especially at BYU, should choose those ready to help take BYU in the right direction.

Cast your vote, and make your student association work for you, because those who don't vote are doomed to be led by people with whom they disagree.

Take the first step in conquering the stigma of passivity in our generation. Take the time to vote next week.

READERS' FORUM

Rugby challenge

Dear Editor,

Last Thursday, while extolling the success of the BYU rugby team in Readers' Forum, Preston Taylor made the following statement: "Last year they beat the University of British Colombia [sic]...the first American collegiate rugby victory on Canadian soil in history." This statement is not true.

The rugby team of the University of California at Berkeley beat the University of British Columbia in Canada in 1997, 1998, and 1999, though they lost 23-17 in 2000.

Other victories by the Golden Bears on foreign soil include Simon Fraser University in 1998 and the University of Victoria in 2000.

We'll see how BYU does against Cal — winners of ten straight national championships, by the way – this March. Then and only then do I believe bragging rights can be firmly established.

Theron Stanford
San Marino, Calif.

Give students seats

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to bring the administration's attention to the phenomenal season the men's basketball team is having.

Clearly, the Cougars have proven themselves to be a dangerous opponent for anyone, since shooting to the top of the standings as frontrunners for the conference title.

Not only is the team off to a remarkable 14-6 start, but they are also among the nation's leaders with an amazing 16-game home winning streak.

Obviously, loyal students have taken notice of the entertaining, successful year of our well-documented team, but the administration's support seems to be lacking.

At the most recent "Big Monday" game against UNLV, the Marriott Center was filled with a respectable 13,605. However, this is where the problem lies.

I would conservatively estimate that over 60 percent of all in attendance were students, who were corralled into only five of the twenty-five sections.

I submit that more students are willing to support the team, but are driven away due to insufficient student seating.

The most frustrating part of this issue is that there are still approximately 10,000 better, open seats, which are obviously not being occupied by the team's "loyal, paying supporters," as one usher so kindly phrased it while wrestling me back to the nosebleeds.

I understand the importance of the non-student fans and their role of paying higher ticket prices than students to fund the athletic department.

However, the basketball team is exciting and successful because of crazy, loyal students who love to cheer the team to victory, and wouldn't mind doing so within a few zip codes of the court.

Scott Dallas
Sandy

Bike courtesy

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the many bikes on our campus.

While bikes are a good source of transportation and are the only option for many college students, a certain amount of caution should be used when riding on or around campus.

As I walk around campus, I have observed bike riders riding their bikes on sidewalks that have barely enough room for students to walk, let alone ride a bike.

Bikes should not be ridden on campus, especially during the ten minutes between classes.

There is even a sign on campus that specifically states bikes should not be ridden on campus the last ten minutes of the hour.

While for the most part those who ride bikes are abiding by this rule, the few who don't are endangering the many students walking around campus.

The best thing, for the safety of all, would be for bike riders to park their bike at the nearest bike rack for the day and only walk the bike around campus when absolutely necessary.

I have also observed students riding their bikes down the hill that leads from the Tanner Building to Helaman Halls.

This is dangerous because it is easy to pick up speed and it also curves, making it harder to see down the hill and easier for an accident to occur.

There is also a sign stating that there's a $50 fine for those who ride bikes down that hill. While many follow this rule, the few who don't are making that path dangerous to the many who have to walk it several times a day.

Please be more cautious so we can avoid an accident before it happens.

Hannalee Sevey
Riverside, Calif.

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Convict call

Dear Editor,

I was a bit distressed at the basketball game on Monday by the BYU fans' recurring shouts of "Con-vict!" every time the U of U player who had been convicted of a crime was on the floor.

I recognize the rivalry that exists between our universities — and I also wanted the Cougars to triumph. I just struggled with the principle of "unforgiveness" exemplified by this labeling.

I don't think we would like to have a crowd of people shouting "Sin-ner!" when we are trying our best to move on and work on other things.

I think we should leave the name-calling to the people who do not know that they have been forgiven by a perfect God. We should know better.

Amanda R. Smith
Temple, N.H.

Conserving power

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the attention given to the issue of student responsibility for power conservation in Julia Leaman's article, "Y students urged to conserve energy," on Jan. 22.

After almost three years of living in Provo, I am ashamed to say that I know very few people here who seriously consider the effects their actions have on the environment.

Energy is a limited resource, as shown by California's current situation.

Power conservation, along with water conservation and recycling, is an important facet of every environmentally responsible individual.

In her article, Leaman quoted assistant director of on-campus housing Todd [illegible]chio as saying, "Students are asked [illegible] voluntarily keep lights off when poss[illegible] and turn off computers overnight."

If large numbers of people becom[illegible] involved, even small reductions in ene[illegible] use like these can make a big differen[illegible]

It does not take a great deal of tim[illegible] effort to turn off the light when leavi[illegible] room or to shut down a computer be[illegible] falling asleep, but these small acti[illegible] show respect for the earth and [illegible] resources.

Responsible students should take [illegible] situation on the West coast as a remin[illegible] to turn off lights, turn down the heat [illegible] flip the switch on appliances and o[illegible] electrical devices.

Not only will power conservat[illegible] encourage a positive attitude of pers[illegible] responsibility, it will also save mo[illegible] when the bills come. You have nothin[illegible] lose.

Emma Barrett
Houston

Autism

Dear Editor,

I was looking through the Daily U[illegible] verse on Monday morning, and an ar[illegible] on page six caught my eye enti[illegible] "Understanding Autism."

It caught my attention, because I [illegible] have Asperger's Syndrome.

My parents had explained to me th[illegible] is a form of mild autism that lead[illegible] heightened aspects of some parts of [illegible] brain, usually mathematics and scie[illegible] while other parts of the brain are d[illegible] cient, such as social skills.

I am writing this because I did not h[illegible] about my case of Asperger's Syndr[illegible] until I was well into my teenage years.

I knew that I was a little bit diffe[illegible] from other people my age — math w[illegible] cinch, but people were not — but I [illegible] not know why, and I knew that I was [illegible] too different from other people.

I feel that through my faith in the L[illegible] I have been able to come as far as I [illegible] in people skills.

I also feel that I have lived a somew[illegible] normal life, but I know that people m[illegible] think that this form of autism is a [illegible] thing.

I guarantee that if those parents of [illegible] dren with Asperger's Syndrome rec[illegible] nize their children's unique abilities [illegible] nurture their children with love and k[illegible] ness, then they will be just as happy [illegible] productive as any other child out there.

Michael Gardner
Healdsburg, Calif.

Single and proud

Dear Editor,

I am among the many single males [illegible] shouted a big amen after reading M[illegible] Dearduff's Viewpoint on Jan. 18 a[illegible] graduating from BYU unmarried.

Her comments especially struck a ch[illegible] with me, as I am also likely to be gr[illegible] ating from BYU without finding my [illegible] nal companion.

This situation does not bother [illegible] because I came to BYU primarily f[illegible] educational reputation and not fo[illegible] school's well-documented matchma[illegible] abilities.

Finding a wife may be an additi[illegible] benefit some receive, but I am here t[illegible] ready for my future career.

If getting married is supposed to be [illegible] top priority here, perhaps we should [illegible] about creating a curriculum that tak[illegible] all the young single adults, and prov[illegible] them with a faculty mentor to take [illegible] through all the necessary steps to e[illegible] the institution of marriage.

I am grateful for the education I [illegible] received here, and I will be prou[illegible] graduate from the BYU meat market[illegible] single man with excellent training fo[illegible] future career.

And should I happen to meet that [illegible] cial someone, I'll count it a blessing.

Dee R. Giles
Nogales, Ariz.

nowboarding vs. skiing: the debate goes on

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Staff Writer

e point in the history of someone, somewhere decided that if anyone rn to ski, then skiing was enough. A conversation ve ensued:

What's the one sport can do, and I can do, is impossible for, like, to learn?"

boarding, man!"

heels were off, and the rd was invented. Barely t first, just a few kids f in the distance, usual- on their behinds in rds in the snow.

sons passed, the herds ey began veering onto ski runs, dressed in pants and oversized rts.

eat debate began.

t has turned almost reli- Skiers are becoming l more interested every eeing what the "other all about. They wonder owboarders are having r on the slopes than they y begin asking ques- d before they know it, converted.

you board, you'll never go back," said board enthusiast and former skier Chad Sparks, 24, from Salt Lake City, majoring in business.

"It's like walking after crawling," he said. "Once you walk and see how great it is, you're not going to crawl anymore."

Whitney Lindgren, 22, from Ogden, Weber County, majoring in photography at the University of Utah, said she could not disagree more.

"Snowboarding is easier to pick up and that's why more people like it."

Although Lindgren said she enjoys both skiing and snowboarding, she only wants to spend her time with skiing these days.

"I love snowboarding, but I believe that skiing is a more difficult sport to get better at, and so I want to spend my time trying to."

The debate goes even deeper than a personal preference for skiers and snowboarders. Both Alta and Deer Valley ski resorts allow only skiers to make tracks in their snow.

Alta general manager Onno Wieringa said they have nothing against snowboarders, but the decision to allow only skiers was a business one that was very difficult to make.

"We've been around for 65 years, and we continue to do well (without snowboarders)," Wieringa said.

Wieringa said he did not see the decision of snowboarding or skiing as a great debate.

"Why pit two great sports against each other?" Wieringa asked.

Dan Mastrom, director of marketing and sales at Brighton Ski Resort said he agrees.

"Alta's done a great job of marketing a more mature atmosphere for their skiers," he said.

Brighton, which has allowed snowboarders to roam their whole mountain since 1986, does not seem to mind the stereotype and has capitalized on their natural terrain and great powder, Mastrom said.

"We're a family resort, and families today want to both ski and snowboard," Malstrom said. "We allow them to do that at Brighton."

Malstrom said that snowboarding continues to grow at Brighton.

"We see anywhere from 35 to 75 percent snowboarders today at our resort," Malstrom said.

Malstrom went on to say that business has never been better for Brighton.

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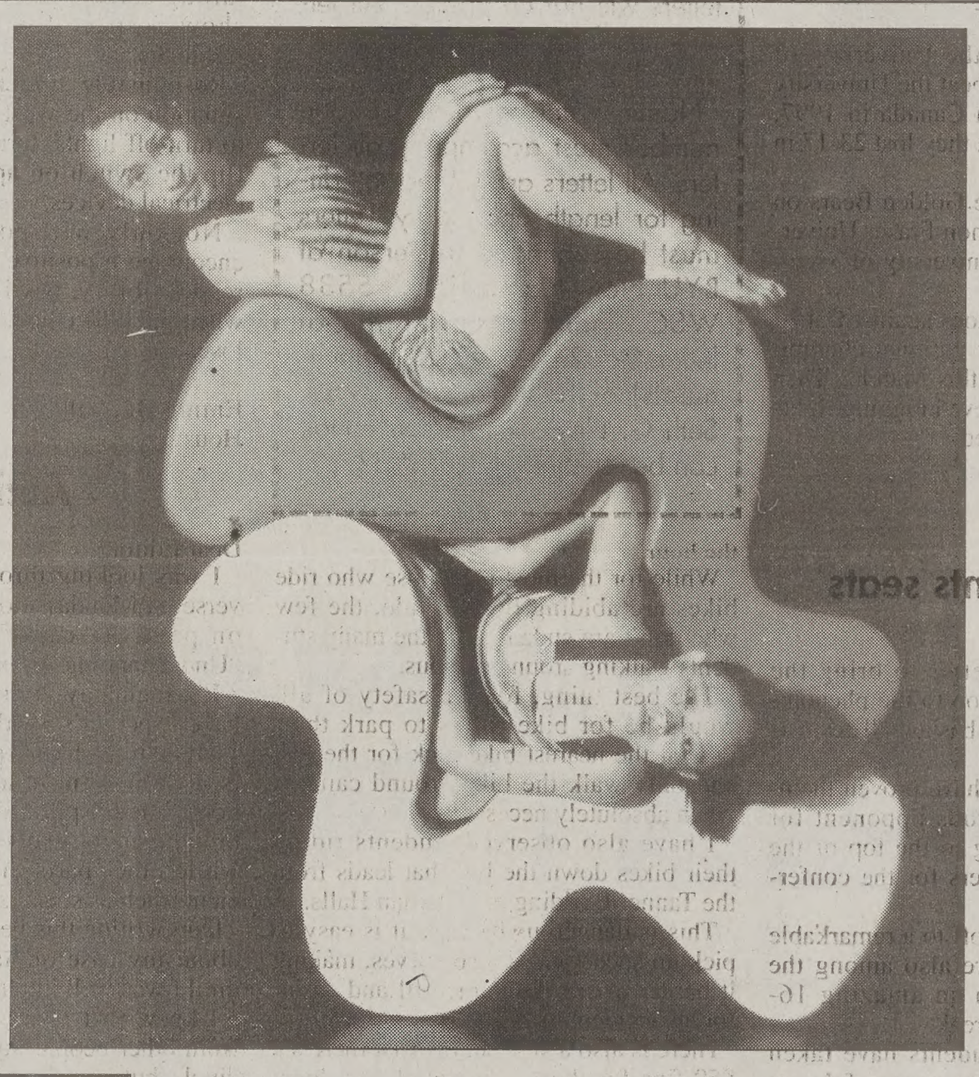

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Taiwanese modern dancers visit BYU in first trip to US

By Alecia Burningham
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Culture and language barriers will be broken through the power of dance on Friday when modern dancers from Taiwan bring their unique performance to BYU.

Founded in 1997 by Shih Gee-Tze, a painter and a fine arts teacher at an elementary school, ACME Physical Theater is a modern dance company visiting the United States for the first time.

"It is an attempt to fuse eastern and western culture," said Cathy Black, the BYU modern dance division administrator.

The company owes this experience to Jessica Crook, 26, from Alpine, who made the arrangements.

After graduating in 1996 from BYU in dance education, Crook lived in Taiwan for four years and danced with ACME Physical Theater. Remaining good friends with Shih after her return to the United States, Crook knew the company wanted experience touring abroad.

"The company was looking for an opportunity to establish a name for itself overseas and get some international exposure, so I set it up with BYU," Crook said.

Hopefully, she said, this performance will put Taiwan on the map for people who only think of Asian art as being Chinese or Japanese.

The first number, "Fantasy for Bach" uses large, colorful shapes to explore the integration of movement with colorful sculptures, Black said.

Shih said the shapes represent the up and down movement he heard in the music.

The fusion of religion and art in this number would be appealing to the BYU audience, he said.

In ancient times, Shih said it was difficult to separate art and religion but now they are isolated.

"People will enjoy the art and movement but it will also help them recall the memory of that time," he said.

"The movement is so modern but the music is so old that it creates a neat dynamic of old and new," Crook said.

The other number, "Square," uses a large, square piece of canvas on the floor, decorated with Chinese calligraphy.

"It is very ritualistic and it combines martial arts with modern dance," Crook said.

ACME Physical Theater from Taiwan will be performing Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the RB Dance Studio Theater. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the Harris Fine Arts Center ticket office.

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Cougars set for Air assault

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If there are any functioning air-raid sirens remaining on BYU's campus, they should get quite a test Thursday night.

In a game usually dominated by tall, physical players, the Air Force basketball team comes into Provo sporting a different style. They are small, scrappy and they love to shoot the long ball.

The challenge for the BYU men's basketball team is to quickly learn how to contain and defend the smaller Falcons (6-13, 1-4) after coming off the big emotional victory over archrival Utah on Monday night.

While the Utes were a big, physical team who pounded the inside and dominated on rebounds, the Falcons are a smaller, faster team who play tough defense and prefer to fire from the outside.

Despite the contrast in teams, BYU coach Steve Cleveland says nothing will change with his team's preparation.

"We're not going to do anything differently," Cleveland said. "I think it's just a matter of execution. It's a matter of the fellas stepping up and knocking shots down when they need to knock them down."

Air Force's offense revolves around the three-point shot, as nearly half of their attempted field goals this season have come from beyond the arc.

They are ranked sixth nationally in three-pointers made per game at 9.3.

The Falcons have attempted 20 or more three-pointers in 15 of their 18 games this season. But they have been unable to connect consistently of late, hitting only 22.8 percent from the three-point line in conference play.

Jarvis Croff leads Air Force in scoring, averaging 13 points per game. Freshman Robert Todd is also a factor for the Falcons, adding 11 points a game and providing a serious three-point threat.

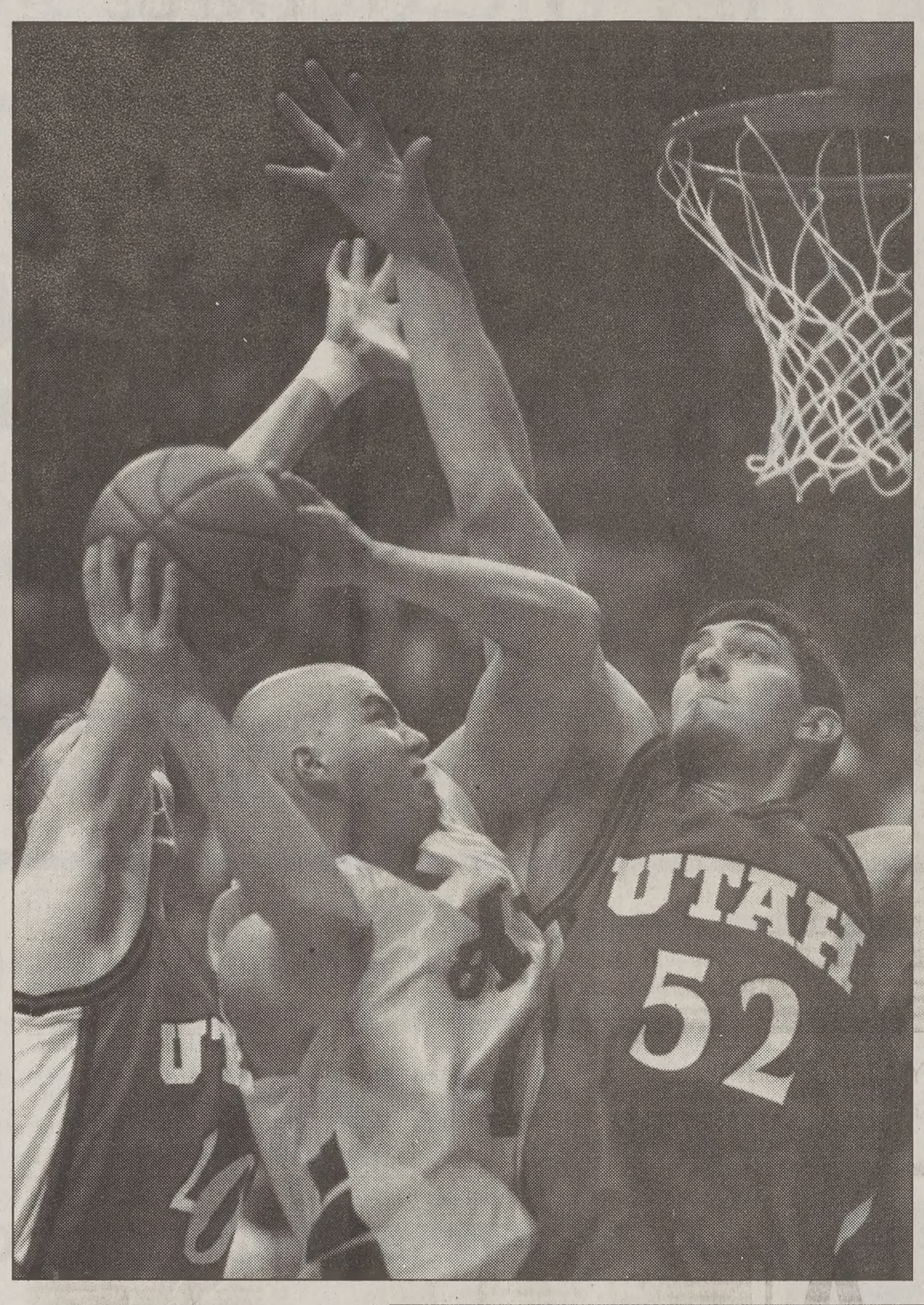
But the Cougars are also comfortable shooting the long ball. BYU hit 10 of 19 from three-point land against the Utes and is averaging 44 percent from beyond the arc.

Terrell Lyday has been especially productive, hitting 16 of 29 treys in his last six games. Trent Whiting and Mekeli Wesley add to the Cougars' three-point threat.

BYU (14-6, 3-2) will try to extend its home winning streak to 17 games. A win would also move the Cougars into sole possession of second place in the conference standings.

Winning in Provo is not something Air Force is accustomed to doing, having posted a 4-19 record in the Marriott Center. The Falcons have not won here since beating the Cougars 79-78 in 1989.

Cleveland also knows the Falcons are a feisty team that will be ready to compete. "They are outstanding young men. These are the young men that are defending our country, and there is not going to be any quit in them."



After facing the front-line bulk of Nate Althoff and Utah on Monday, Nate Knight and the Cougars will have to adjust to the outside bombing of Air Force, which visits the Marriott Center tonight.

Travis Lovell/ Daily Universe

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Air Force at BYU

- **When:** Tonight, 7, Marriott Center (KBYU-TV, KSL radio)
- **Sizing up Air Force (1-4 MWC, 6-13 overall):** Falcons ranked sixth nationally for three-pointers made a game (9.3), but have hit only 22.8 percent from beyond arc in conference play.
- **Sizing up BYU (3-2 MWC, 14-6 overall):** Cougs displayed own outside firepower with 10-for-19 three-point display vs. Utah.

Women's team seeking first road win of 2001

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On the road again.

After a tough loss at Utah on Saturday, the Cougars head back out on the road to face Air Force tonight at Clune Arena.

And, oh, how cruel the road can be.

The Cougars haven't won away from the Marriott Center since beating Gonzaga in Spokane on Dec. 2.

"We just need to play with great intensity," coach Trent Shippen said. "Our practice was good today (Wednesday). The intensity level was up a couple notches."

The Cougars know a let is very possible against a so desperate for a win after ing five straight — includi three Mountain West Co ence games.

"It's important for us to g to a good start," Shippen "They are hard-nosed an put up a fight."

A strong point for the Fa is their ability to shoot th from the perimeter, specif the three-point line.

"They can all shoot the t Shippen said. "We ne defend the perimeter and good job of rebounding."

Y embarks on 11-game tr

By Brett Larsen
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Members of the BYU baseball team are packing their bags for an 11-game road trip through California, starting with a three-game series at Fresno State today, Friday and Saturday.

The Bulldogs, an experienced team coming off a 40-21 season last year, are just one of the four talented clubs the Cougars will face between now and Feb. 17.

"They're all solid teams. Very competitive," said BYU assistant coach Hank Taylor. "We'll have to go out and play aggressively to win."

After their series with Fresno State, the Cougars will travel to the Bay Area for two games at the University of San Francisco and three more at Cal-Berkeley next week.

Following a brief rest home in Provo, the team wrap up their Californi with a three-game series a Fullerton.

The Titans, ranked nationally in two prese polls, were picked to wi Big West Conference cha onship by six of seven l coaches.

But Taylor said the Co aren't going to let the pr of facing strong teams o road affect their morale.

"This is a pretty mature t he said. "They're excit play ball and it doesn't m where."

The Cougars have plen reasons to be enthusia Senior pitcher Nate Ferr stellar performance at Ar

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Like father, like son

om senior to junior, Russells ike diving a family affair

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n and Robin have been fighting the streets for years.

dynamic duo prefers to do its the pool.

Russell is in his ninth season as ach for the BYU diving team. His on is an All-American sophomore the Cougars.

Russell is extremely proud of his complishments to this point and is son always has a chance to win. e going to have to dive well to ," he said.

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began his collegiate diving career na State, where he won the NCAA eter championships in 1968.

ame year, he was selected as a of the U.S. Olympic Games eam.

erving an LDS mission to Chile, ferred to BYU. He continued his as a Cougar, earning All-American 1972.

ring career led him to compete in World Championships, placing n platform and third on the three- ringboard.

ver be as great as he was," Aaron

Russell is quick to disagree with statement.

ra way better diver than I ever said.

n isn't as good as his dad just yet, be one day, with one of the best coaches around helping him along the way.

Keith began coaching at BYU in 1993 and has since been named conference coach of the year three times.

This past season, he earned the inaugural Mountain West Conference coach-of-the-year award.

With all that competitive experience under his belt, the elder Russell tries hard to apply to his coaching the lessons he learned while diving.

"I hope the team recognizes the efforts I made as a diver and understands that I've been through it all," he said.

Russell admits it's a little different coaching his son, but nothing too hard to manage.

"You get in the groove of things, and it's pretty much the same," he said.

Aaron said his dad treats him a little different sometimes, but he's used to it by now.

"He was harder on me when I was younger," Aaron said.

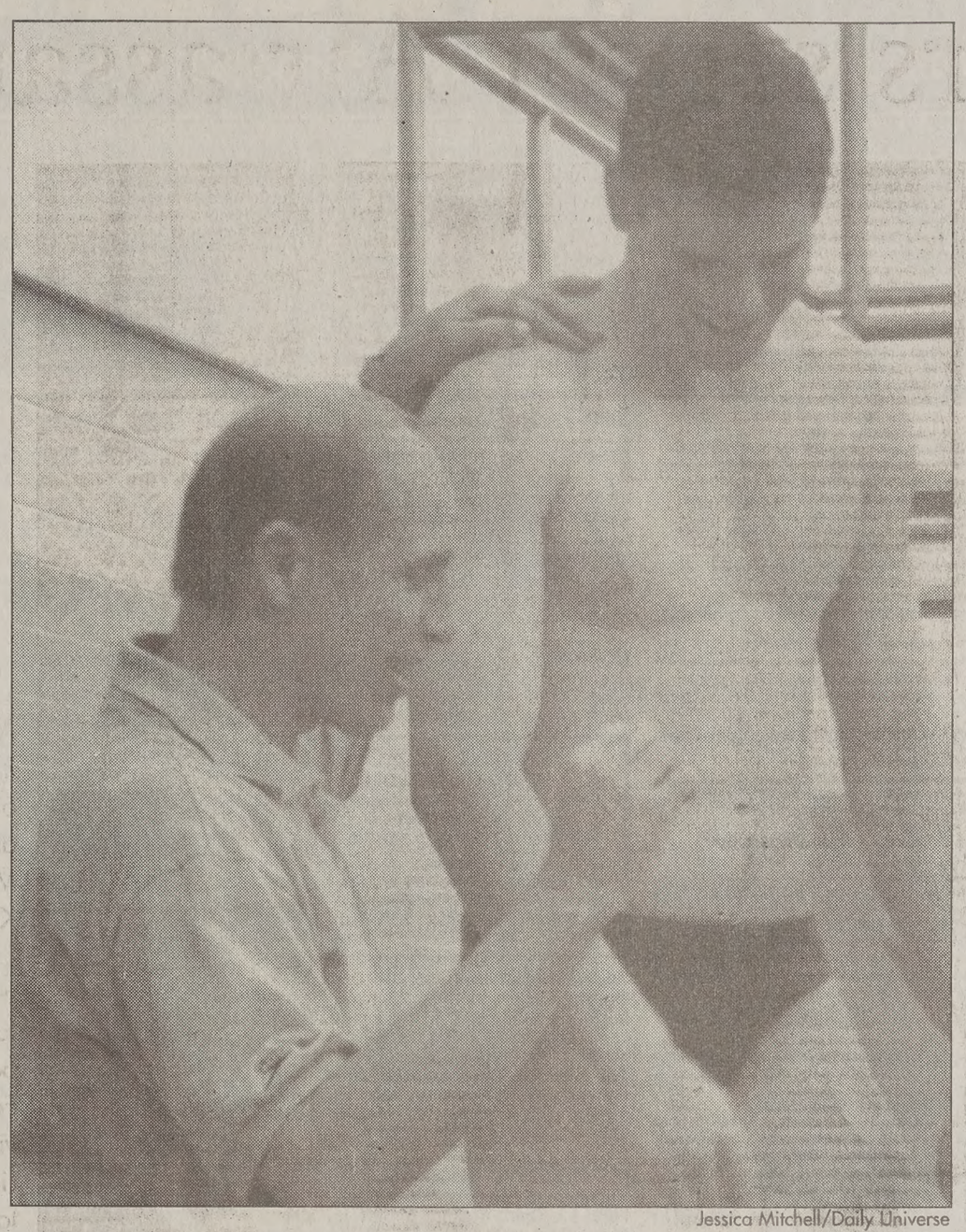
In the 2000 NCAA Championships, Aaron placed 14th in the one-meter springboard competition, gaining All-American honors for himself.

However, he refuses to be satisfied with that.

"I expect to do better this year," Aaron said.

With his father already claiming one national championship for the family, Aaron is working hard to place another national trophy on the mantle.

"If I can stay healthy and stay in the game mentally, I believe it's possible," he said.



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BYU diving coach Keith Russell mentors his son Aaron, a sophomore All-American for the Cougars, who hopes to repeat his father's national title.

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on Jan. 25 led to an 8-4 BYU victory. In that game, Fernley — who is scheduled to start today — had 11 strikeouts and gave up only three hits.

Matt Carson, Seth King, Michael Davies and Lars Birkeland each had homers during the Cougars' two games with the Wildcats last week.

King's .600 batting average leads the team, which is batting .346 overall.

One dark spot for BYU is the loss of catcher Steve Snow, who dislocated his left shoulder in his first at bat against Arizona.

"It looks like my season's over," Snow said. He said he will likely undergo surgery soon to repair the shoulder.

Cougar batters will have their hands full with Fresno State's experienced pitching staff led by sophomore Zach Minor, who boasts a 3.60 ERA.

BYU will try to improve on its 1-1 record by beating the 1-2 Bulldogs, who are coming off a season-opening series against No. 11 Stanford.

The Cougars also hope to make a statement on their trip to California, King said.

"We want to prove something to these California teams," he said. "This week's going to be big."

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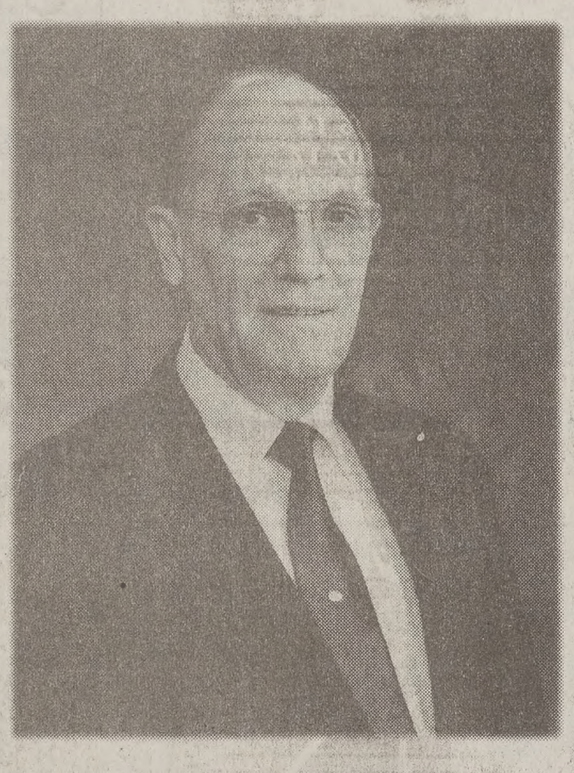

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At the time of his call to serve as a full-time General Authority, Elder Porter was serving as president of the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission. He has also served as bishop, stake president, Regional Representative, counselor in the Boise Temple presidency, and missionary to the West Central States.

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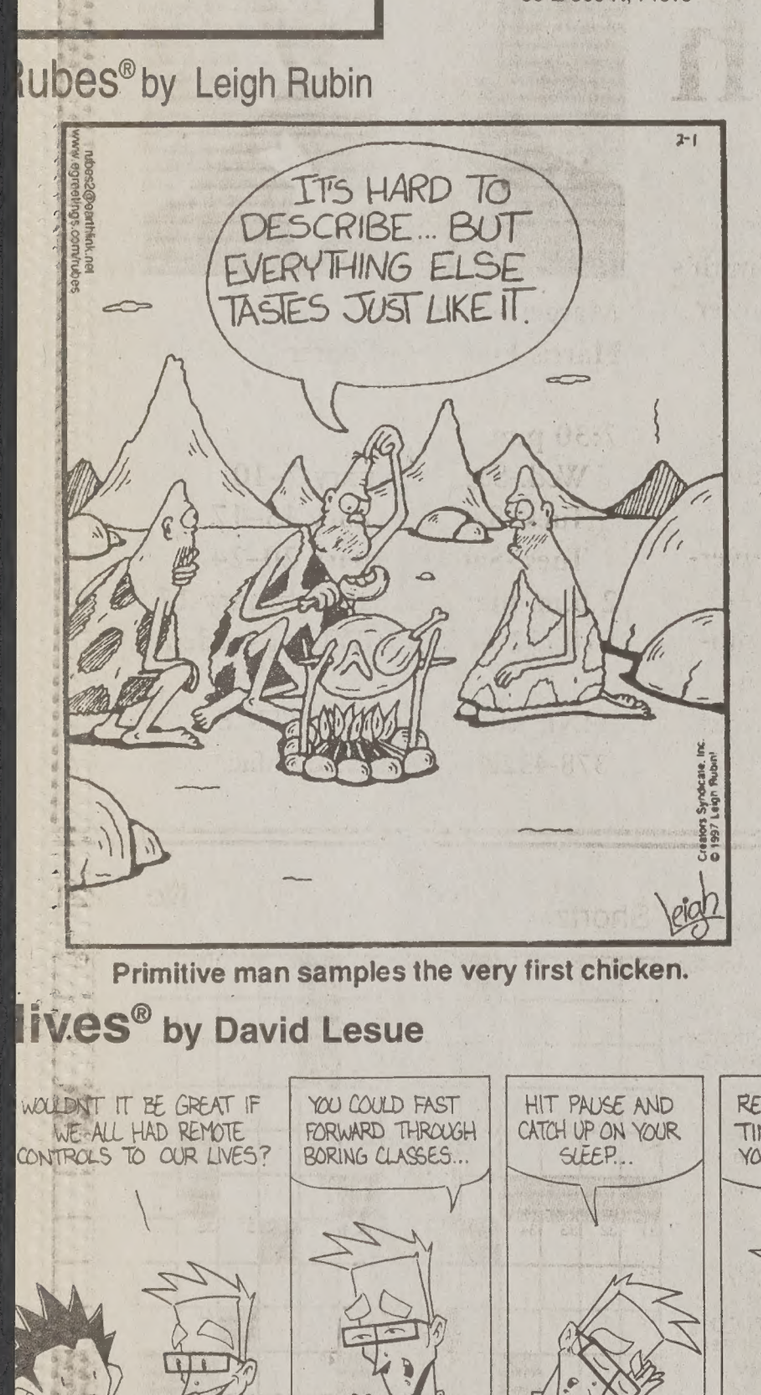

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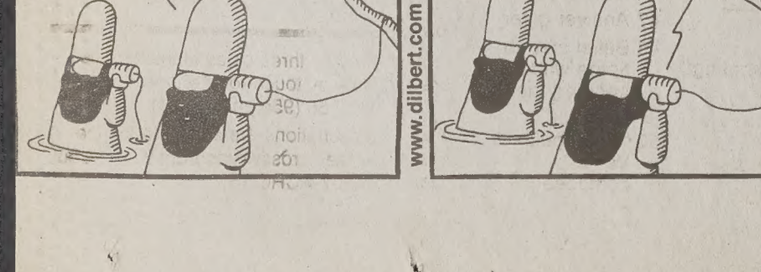
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Sega Corp. concedes defeat

Associated Press

TOKYO — Sega Corp. said Wednesday it will stop making its Dreamcast home video-game machine on March 31, conceding defeat in the console-making business to its Japanese rivals Sony Corp. and Nintendo Co.

Sega said it will start making games for Sony's PlayStation2 and Nintendo's Game Boy Advance machines and was in talks to make games for Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox and Nintendo's Game Cube, which are expected to go on sale later this year. Sega also plans to continue making new games for Dreamcast next year.

Sega's greatest strength is in its software lineup, which includes Sonic the Hedgehog games. Sega said it planned to focus on the software business, including creating games for handheld and Net-linking devices.

As it made the Dreamcast announcement, Sega more than doubled its projected loss estimate to $501 million for the fiscal year ending in March and made clear it was still in trouble.

"The world of games is changing, so Sega must change, too," said Eiji MAeda, analyst with the Daiwa Institute of Research in Tokyo.

victims

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Indian Defense Minister George Fernandes on Wednesday maintained that over 100,000 had died, but Pandya said the state assessment was much lower.

The increased numbers came as several rescue teams found people alive in the rubble of buildings just as bulldozers began smashing walls and experts laid explosives to clear away the rubble.

A Russian rescue team in the town of Bhachau heard a woman screaming after a bulldozer smashed the wall of her three-story apartment building. The Russians found the woman's hand under a flattened concrete slab and held onto it until they pulled Kuntal Thakkar, 22, free. Then they freed her husband.

In Bhuj, closest to the epicenter of the 7.9 earthquake, an army team rescued a 12-year-old girl named Prianka and rushed her to the hospital.

A demolition team hammering its way through a destroyed apartment block in Ahmedabad discovered Joytosna Gandhi still alive more than five days after the earthquake tore through the western Indian state.

Gandhi was discovered next to the body of her teen-age son just as workers had all but given up hope of finding survivors and were beginning to knock down damaged buildings and clear away the wreckage.

The condition of the 55-year-old woman testified to the slim chances of surviving for five days under a collapsed building. Both her legs and one hand had to be amputated after being crushed by concrete beams doctors said. She was in critical condition with kidney trouble.

"I don't know how she stayed alive with her dead son next to her," said Promila Ranadive, a neighbor.

As the quake effort switched from rescue to relief, India faced expanding needs for food, clothing and shelter for survivors. The United Nations estimated there are 200,000 homeless in the western state of Gujarat where the quake did most of its damage.

Countries and groups poured in aid as foreign rescue teams made their last rounds with trained dogs and seismographs before heading home. A U.N. World Food Program flight with 41 tons of cargo, including health kits and generators, left for India on Tuesday. Another flight was to leave on Thursday. Pakistan, with whom India has fought three wars, sent its second military plane in two days to Ahmedabad, loaded with tents and blankets.

aid

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A report by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimated that the original quake and its 77 confirmed aftershocks have completely destroyed up to 50 percent of the buildings in India's Kutch district and made 95 percent uninhabitable.

Thirty-nine non-governmental organizations in the United States are working to improve these conditions by providing relief assistance to the victims in India.

The Red Cross, according to their official Web site, sent $25,000 to India for initial relief operations, with an additional $20,000 donated for the purchase of sheeting and blankets.

CARE, working with USAID, began distributing 100 metric tons of ready-to-eat food Saturday, according to a USAID press release. The food is projected to meet half of the daily food requirements for 4,000 families for up to 20 days.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced in a Sunday news release that it would provide more than 600,000 pounds of food to areas most affected by the disaster. The LDS Church also sent emergency funding to local Indian relief agencies, with $25,000 donated to the prime minister of India's relief fund.

To find out what an individual can do to help, see the list of non-governmental organizations providing assistance at www.interaction.org.

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Intel to leave American Fork

By Aaron Bentley
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Intel's American Fork site is packing its bags and heading north.

The company is not leaving Utah though. In fact, it is settling down for good at its new campus in Riverton.

RV1, the new building's name, opened its doors Oct. 6, and employees have been steadily moving there from the American Fork and Salt Lake City sites.

The building — which has four floors, a cafeteria, fitness rooms, classrooms, meeting rooms, computer labs and hundreds of employee cubicles — is a "commitment to the community," said John Sutherland, Intel software products and services division general manager.

"We expect to grow," said Sutherland, adding that RV1 would eventually be home to more than 750 employees.

He said 15 to 20 years down the road the campus may consist of six to seven buildings that would house 6,000 to 8,000 employees.

"I strongly believe the workforce in Utah will allow Intel to employ very technical people that will help Intel grow and will show other large computer companies what they can benefit from expanding or moving here," said Mark Reed, a mentor on the customer support engineer team.

However, not everyone is excited about Intel's move to Riverton and the future plans for the area's growth.

Some of the local citizens are skeptical of the growth they have already seen in Riverton and surrounding areas.

"I know it is going to bring more people out here, and that's a bad thing," said Kendra Richards, a dental assistant who lives in Bluffdale, Salt Lake County — a town neighboring Riverton. "There has already been a lot of growth."

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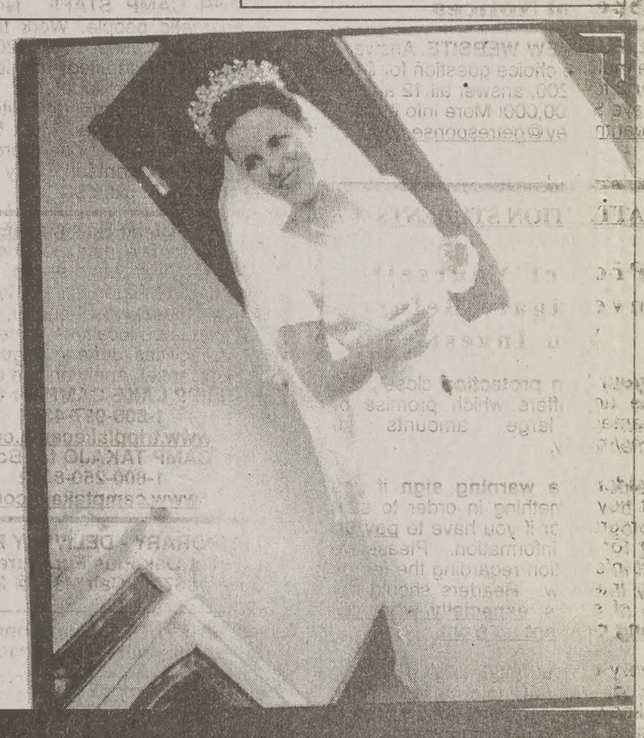

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emocratic leader hopes r Ashcroft opposition

ed Press

HINGTON — With confirmation virtually the Senate Democratic leader said Wednesday would be troubling if his party couldn't pro- least 30 votes against Attorney General John Ashcroft.

homas Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters he -1 of his party's 50 senators would oppose ft to signal the Bush administration that ats have the clout to block future nomina-

one votes would sustain a filibuster and ote, although Democrats said Tuesday they ot use the delaying tactic against Ashcroft.

ors debated the nomination, with supporters Ashcroft a man of integrity and opponents ing whether his conservative positions on his, abortion and other issues would influ- decisions in the Justice Department.

ll 50 Republicans apparently supporting Ashcroft and several Democrats publicly committed to join them, confirmation is virtually assured when the Senate votes this week or next.

The leading opponent, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said Ashcroft — as Missouri governor and state attorney general — fought school desegregation and exploited "racial tensions to promote his campaign for governor."

The leader of Ashcroft backers, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the Judiciary Committee chairman, countered that the nominee is "a man of deep faith and integrity" who "deserves to be given the benefit of the doubt when he commits to us under oath that he will enforce and uphold the rule of law regardless of his personal or religious beliefs."

Democrats have not tried to count votes among their members. But Daschle said, "I think that it would be troubling if our caucus was not able to surpass 30 votes on this issue just because I think there are so many prominent questions at the heart of this debate."

ush, Russian president rike up open dialogue

ed Press

HINGTON — President and Russian President ir Putin spoke by tele- Wednesday. The Bush tration characterized the ation as a get-acquainted and the Kremlin said the rders discussed the case of ted Russian businessman.

wo presidents had a 15- "friendly get-acquainted ," Bush spokeswoman llen Countryman said. used to discuss the "range es" that came up in the ation, which Bush initiat-

king through translator, reed that "it would be a ea to meet," she said. n presidents stressed the importance of engaging one another in an ongoing dialogue," she said. They have also exchanged letters, Countryman said.

According to a Kremlin news release carried on Interfax, the two leaders discussed the case of Pavel Borodin, the former chief property manager for the Kremlin, who has been jailed on a Swiss money-laundering warrant in New York. The Swiss are seeking his extradition.

Putin expressed hope that a solution to the Borodin case could be found "that would satisfy both legal and humanitarian principles," according to the Kremlin statement. Russia's Foreign Ministry has called for his release, but Putin had not previously commented.

Countryman would not comment on the Kremlin statement.

The two presidents expressed intent to carry on a "close dialogue" and to seek "mutually acceptable, rational solutions" to problems, Interfax said.

The conversation followed one Tuesday between Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the Powell-Ivanov telephone conversation "was a good beginning." The Russian Foreign Ministry said Ivanov and Powell agreed to meet "in the near future for the purpose of exchanging views on the entire range of Russian-American cooperation."

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Burdens of Earth

by Susan Howe

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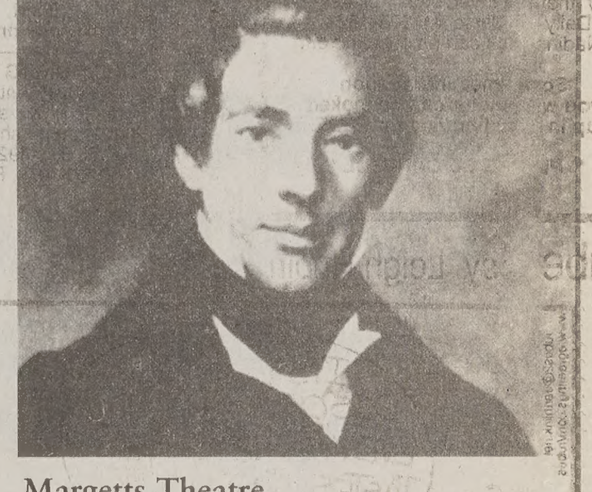

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53 Smidgens
58 Is not apt to write right?
62 Picturesque
64 Mistreatment
65 "___ be the day!"
66 Good source for Vitamin C
67 Yam user?
68 Telecommunications acronym
69 Cutty ___

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2 "We're ___ way!"
3 Bambino watcher
4 Thoroughly searched
5 Horse-racing Hall-of-Famer ___ Ridge
6 1960's P.M. ___ Douglas-Home
7 Uneven
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9 Slow Cuban dance
10 Mid-2nd-century date
11 Frightening time
12 Standard stuff
13 1940's spy org.
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20 Relative of "honked"
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25 Explanation preceder
27 Egypt's ___ Simbel
28 "Stop procrastinating!"
31 Digger
32 Buenos ___
33 Dump
34 Relative of reggae
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38 Smog-regulating grp.
40 How a stomach might react to strange food
41 Kind of particle
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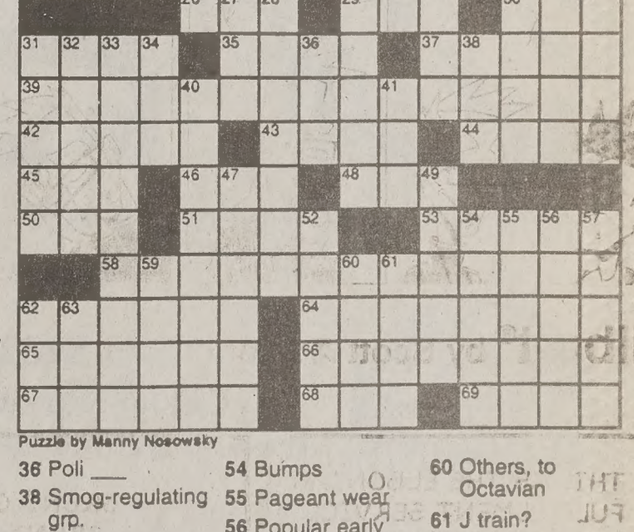

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Cosby visits Utah capitol

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Utah is getting "jiggy" over its newfound fame. Or should we say "jiggly"?

Taking a snack break from normal legislative proceedings, lawmakers on Capitol Hill broke from the mold during Wednesday's session to name gelatin as the official snack food of Utah. The legislature also welcomed longtime Jell-O spokesman Bill Cosby.

Poking fun at Utah's culture while praising the state's family values, comedian and Jell-O spokesman Bill Cosby gave his own version of the state of the union.

In a short speech, Cosby applauded Utah for being the No. 1 state in consumption of Jell-O and first for family values.

"You take your children everywhere," Cosby said. "You feed them, you cook for them, you put them to sleep, you wake them up and you talk to them. It's about family."

Appearing before legislators, citizens and fans, Cosby's humor and enthusiasm had the entire house floor giggling and jiggling and was a welcomed change to the session.

"It was very lightening for the legislature today," said Rep. David L. Hogue, R-Dist. 57, whose bill was pushed to tomorrow's session on account of today's activities. "Although sometimes people feel it's a little frivolous, it's also an opportunity for the legislature to let their hair down and relax."

Cosby was commended by house members for his dedication to children, commitment to wholesome entertainment and his advocacy of family values in and out of the public eye. In recognition of this, Cosby was presented honorary citizenship to the state of Utah "for his contribution to joy and happiness in life."

"Mr. Cosby is to be praised for adding happiness to our lives for many years," read the Utah citation honoring Cosby. "He has served to promote a voyage in life to remind us not to take ourselves so seriously and see the bright side of life."

As Cosby presented the plaque and certificate branding a bowl of Jell-O and the Jell-O logo fixed over an outline of the state of Utah, he joked of the worldwide recognition such an honor might receive.

"In 2002 people are going to be coming from foreign countries," Cosby said. "Then you can show the French something they've never seen before: lime Jell-O with shreds of carrots."

Carcass-processing plant's odo raises a stink in East Bay, Provo

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To Provo Mayor Lewis Billings, the odor coming from the Kuhni animal-rendering plant in the East Bay section of Provo is an awful stench.

To Kevin Kuhni, it smells like money.

Billings appeared before the Economic Development and Human Resources Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Wednesday at the State Capitol to ask the legislature to help move the plant out of Provo.

"There is tremendous pressure from the community," Billings said. "It is very clear to us that we need to resolve this issue."

The mayor asked the legislature to approve $3 million to help with the anticipated $7 million cost of moving the plant to Southwestern Utah County.

The mayor stressed that he is not attempting to oust the long-standing animal carcass-processing center from Provo.

"We are not here because we want to hurt that business ... we are not here trying to drive them out of our city. We are just here trying to help relocate them," he said.

Kuhni's, as it is commonly known, creates a stench over the East Bay area as it chemically processes animal carcasses into animal byproducts, Billings said.

Once a rural area, Provo's East Bay industrial park is now an expanding high-tech community.

Apparently, the two industries don't mix.

"I have never had CEOs c me with more profane lang than over this issue," Bil said.

"Kuhni's now exists in a and in a place where it cor with the economic develop of our community."

Officials from Novell's h headquarters, which is in proximity to Kuhni's, agreed

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But Kuhni's is not going easily.

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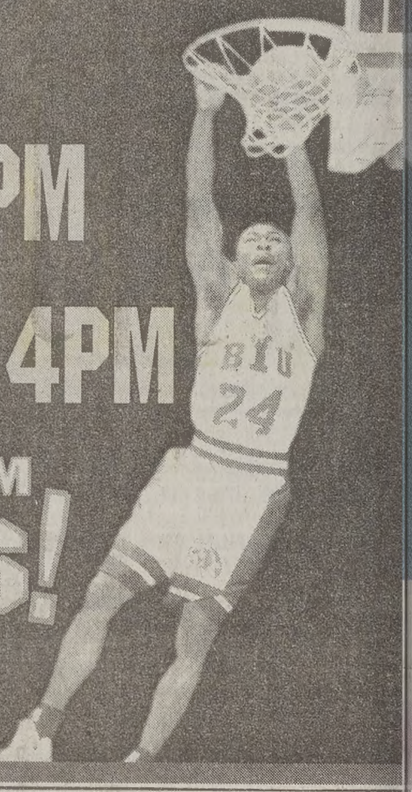

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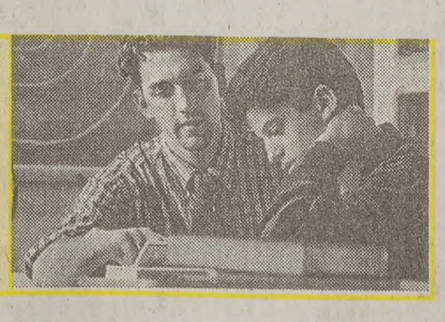

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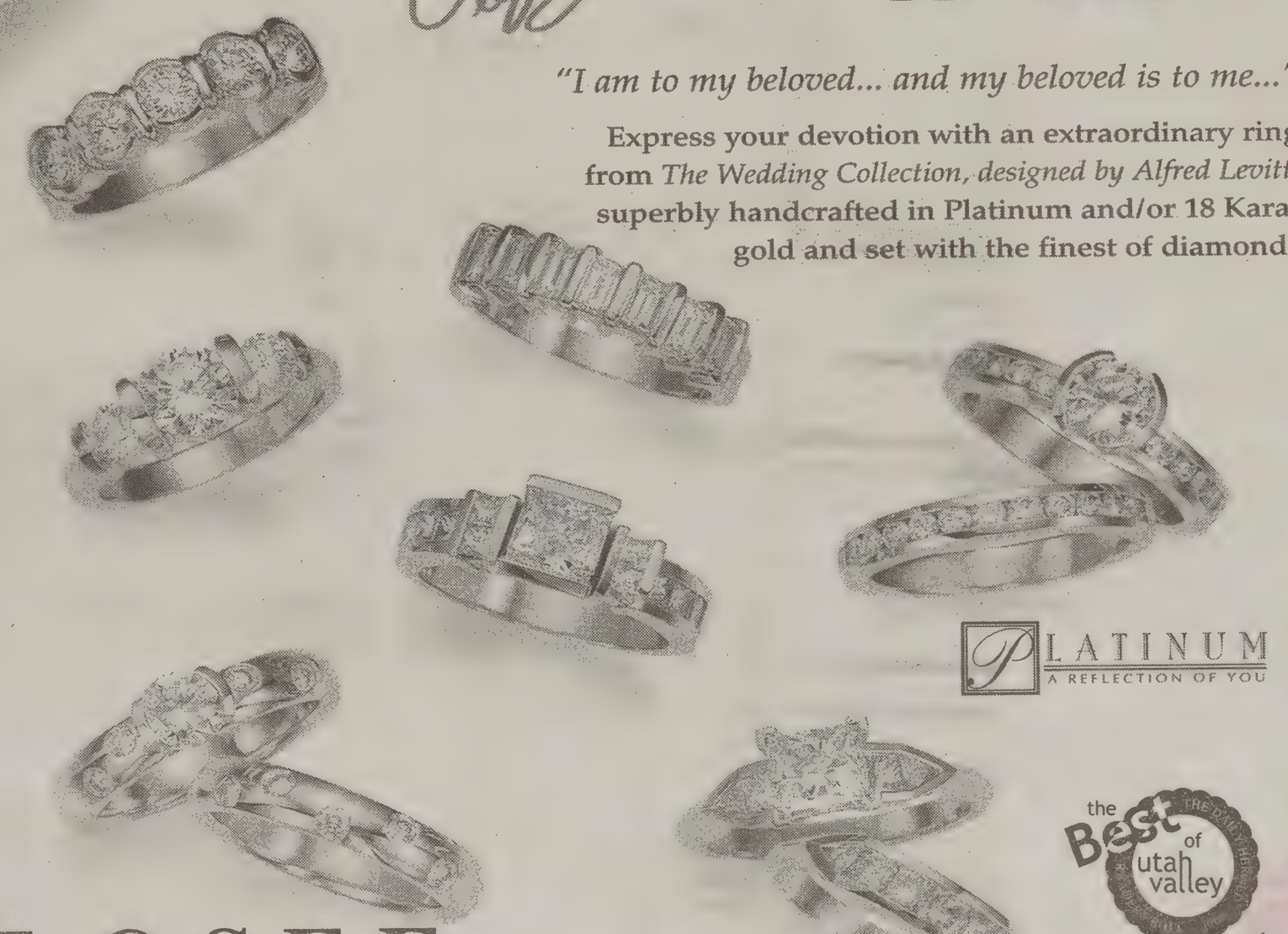

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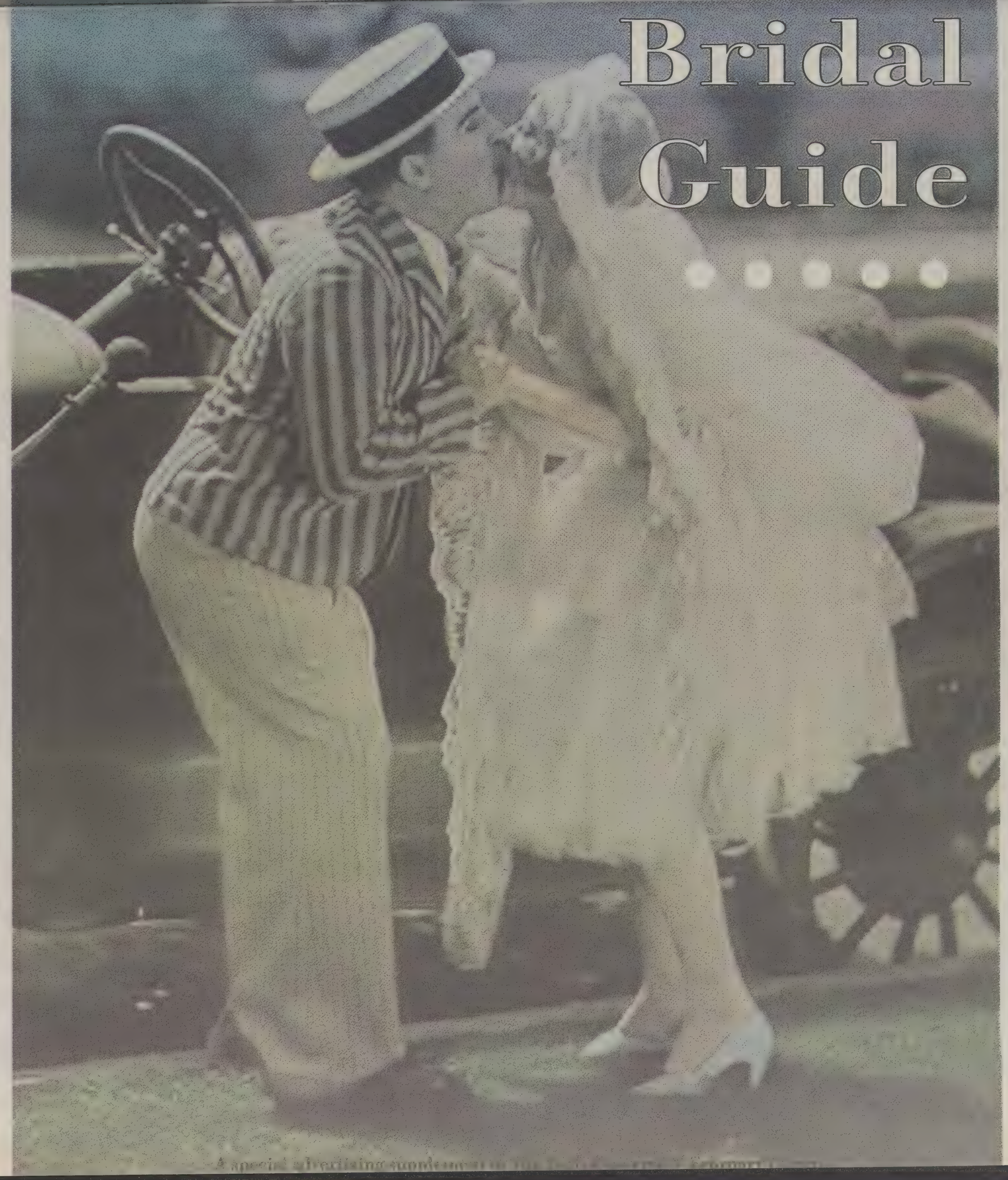

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Wedding traditions; alive and kicking

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Wedding History 101: Traditions, Superstitions, and Customs.

Here comes the bride, all dressed in white, or blue, or red, or her favorite outfit.

There was a time when the bride would wear her favorite dress to the ceremony, according to weddings.co.uk Web site.

Green was always avoided as it was thought to be unlucky. To say a woman 'had a green gown' also implied that she was of loose morals, because her dress would be grass-stained due to rolling around in the fields.

In 1840, Queen Victoria wore an elegant all white gown to her wedding. She started a fashion trend which quickly caught on and continues to this very day. White was worn because people believed it represented affluence, virginity, and purity, according to the Web site.

Other wedding traditions, namely the bachelor party and bridal shower, have not always been solely for amusement and fun.

According to historians, the bachelor party was the last chance before his wife took over the finances for the groom to gather money by gambling for his own future use.

The custom of throwing a bridal shower came about when a father disapproved of his daughter's marriage and refused to provide a dowry to the couple, according to wylee Web site.

The shower became the alternative to the dowry. Supportive villagers would assemble and provide the bride with a variety of household items for her new home.

Each couple must decide for themselves if and how they wish to follow these ancient traditions and customs.

Shauna Johnson, 22, a senior from Washington, D.C., majoring in zoology, attests that the custom of wearing something old, new, borrowed, and blue is alive and well.

Shauna and Bruce Johnson married in August 2000, enjoyed a traditional reception in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City.

At the reception, Shauna said she wore a new wedding dress, a blue cameo, and her mother and relatives took care of the things old and borrowed.

Something old represents a link with the bride's family and her old life. Something new represents good fortune and success in the bride's new life, according to the Web site.

Wearing something borrowed, which has already been worn by a happy bride at her wedding, is meant to bring good luck to the marriage.

Wearing something blue dates back to biblical times when the color blue was considered to represent purity and fidelity. In modern times the bride usually wears a blue or blue-trimmed garter, according to the Web site.

Many wedding traditions stem from the idea that newlyweds have luck and good fortune to bestow upon others.

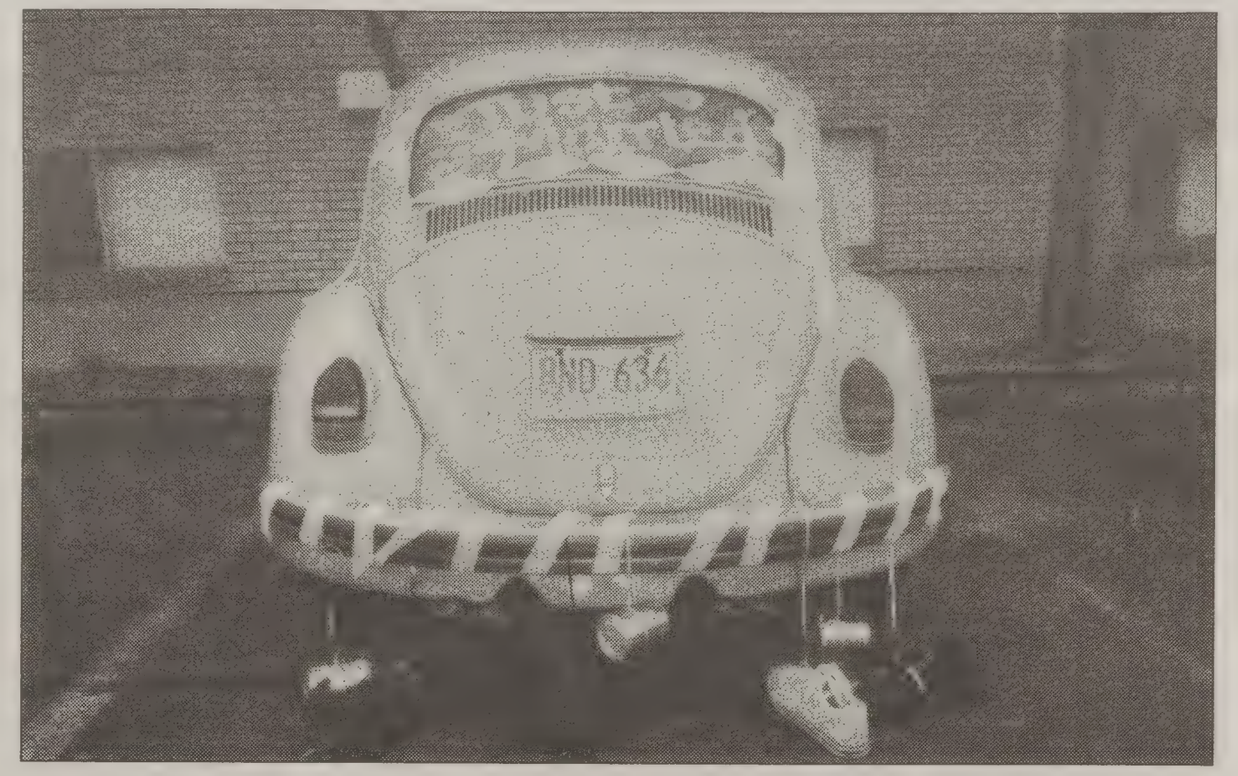
The tradition of throwing the bouquet has its roots in England. It was believed that the bride could pass along her good fortune to those around her.

In order to obtain this fortune, spectators would try to tear away pieces of the bride's clothing and flowers. In an attempt to get away, the bride would toss her bouquet into the crowd.

The single woman who catches the bouquet is believed to be the next to marry.

Another lucky custom involves tying old shoes to the back of the couple's car. This tradition stems from Tudor times when guests would throw shoes at the bride and groom, with great luck being bestowed upon them if they or their carriage were hit, according to the weddings Web site.

Ryan Dewey, 24, from American Fork, Utah County, majoring in marketing, chose not to follow this custom at his own wedding.



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Students enjoy one of the many wedding traditions. VW Bug decorated with old shoes and tin cans.

"We weren't too interested in having people decorate our car. In fact, we used a friend's car instead of our own," he said.

Shauna, on the other hand, participated in almost every traditional wedding custom.

She said she wore a beautiful white gown and tossed the bouquet. Her husband, Bruce, tossed the garter. The guests rang little gold bells as the couple walked out of the reception.

The newlyweds even rode away in a horse-drawn carriage, Shauna said.

Traditions and customs can add to a wedding and make for a fun day, but they are not truly meaningful, she said.

"The things you do at the reception are fun and cute, but all that's important is you and the individual on the other side of the altar," Shauna said.

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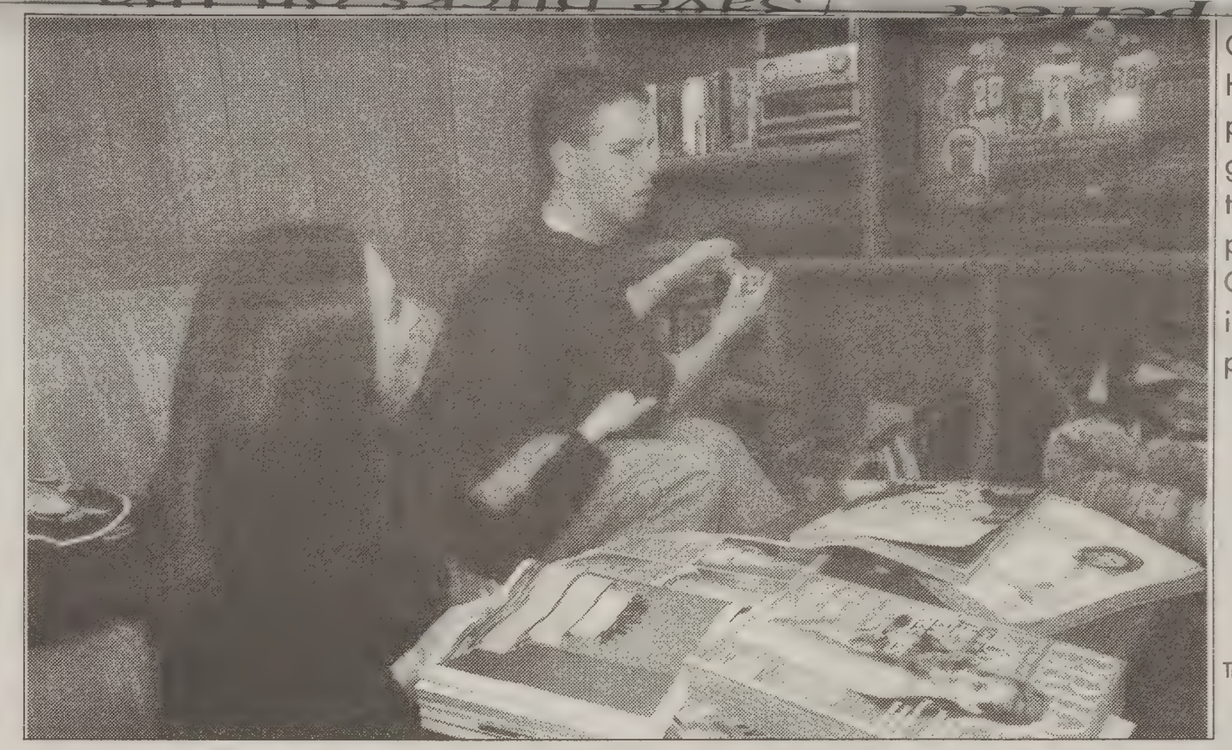

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Groom-to-be N. Herrington Gage, is playing video games while bride to be, Nettie Huber, plans the wedding. Grooms can get involved with the plans and have fun.

Grooms take part in the wedding plans

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Amidst the frenzied excitement of wedding planning, which usually includes the bride, her mother and stacks of bridal magazines, one key element is usually overlooked – the groom.

"Weddings are what women dream about all their lives," said J.R. Edwards, 23, a senior majoring in chemical engineering, from Malta, Idaho who plans to wed in March.

Groom roles in wedding planning have not been officially defined, but the general consensus is, "Whatever you say, Dear, I love you."

The grooms of today seem to be willing to help in any way they can.

"I want to be able to help her fulfill her every fantasy about the perfect wedding," Edwards said.

The general consensus is for grooms to take a relaxed approach when asked to help plan.

"I don't really care about what colors we have, but I will give my opinion if I am asked for it," Edwards said.

Karen Barkdull, a consultant from I Do…Weddings, said traditionally, the groom is responsible for the tuxes and the flowers, but times have changed.

Some single students say they would take a realistic approach when planning for their weddings.

D. Jabbi Eberting, 26, a junior at Utah Valley State College from Seattle, Wash., majoring in business, said, "My role is to say yes to everything she wants and to comfort her when she cries."

Eberting said he'll help her be more decisive but will not take charge because that responsibility belongs to the bride's mother.

Another student is willing to work along side with his bride, when the time comes.

"It's important to be a part of the planning process," said Ryan Nelson, 25, a senior from Fruit Heights, Davis County, majoring in computer science.

"The guys should go with the ladies when they register and should also help send out the invitations…licking envelopes is not an easy job," Nelson said.

Despite how apathetic the groom may seem, he probably does not mean it.

Barkdull said a couple and the bride's mother came in to consult about invitations and colors, but the groom just sat in the corner.

"He said that this wasn't in his job description and went to be alone in the lobby," Barkdull said.

When the bride and her mother came out with their final decision on invitations and colors, Barkdull said the groom suddenly had an opinion and disagreed with their decisions.

Grooms need to raise their voices and become an integral part of the wedding planning process.

If all else fails, remember these magic words, "Whatever you say, Dear, I love you."

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According to utahweddings Web site, the next chunk of the budget is wedding attire and formal wear.

Large sums of money can be saved on the wedding gown by sewing it yourself, purchasing floor models, or buying on line or through the mail, according to "Bridal Bargains."

Sites listed in the book include www.gownsonline.com, www.bridesave.com and www.rkbridal.com. In purchasing a dress on line, the bride can avoid additional retailer costs.

Photography and videography is the next category of the budget, according to utahweddings Web site. A survey of price listings from local photographers reveals basic package albums beginning at $325 and climbing as high as $1,995.

John Hema, from Hawaii, majoring in civil engineering, offered advice on how to avoid these costs.

"Pull all the strings you can with people you know. Have your mom take the pictures or have your little brother take the video," Hema said.

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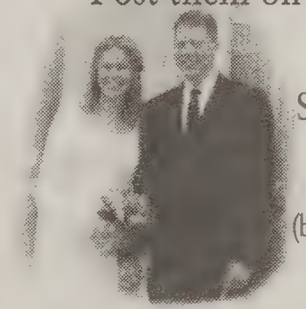

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wedding dress aid brides to be

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The mad rush has begun. That's right, the holidays are over and brides-to-be have begun diligently planning their dream day.

Bridal boutiques are overflowing with newly engaged women eager to find the perfect dress.

"Now until the end of August are our busiest months," said Judy Johns, who has worked at Gowns by Pamela for 10 years. "Most weddings take place in April, May, June and August so most women are looking for their dresses now."

According to bridal shops in Provo, with so many styles, fabrics and fits, many women are overwhelmed with choices.

Beads, lace and gaudiness were gone with the 80's and brides of the 21st century are opting for simplicity instead, according to the shops.

Renee Neuman, assistant manager at Peggy's Bridal, said the best selling dresses they carry are simple princess cut styles made with elegant fabrics like chiffon.

Among the multiple factors to consider when hunting for the perfect dress, Neuman said personality is the most important factor to consider.

"Personality will enchant the gown," Neuman said. "After 12 years in the business I've discovered that 80 percent of the gown is in the bride and 20 percent is in the gown itself."

Robin Naylor works at the Nicole Miller store in Trolley Square in Salt Lake City. She said most brides are looking for simple styles.

"Big puffy dresses aren't what people are going for…brides want something timeless, classic, and really elegant," she said.

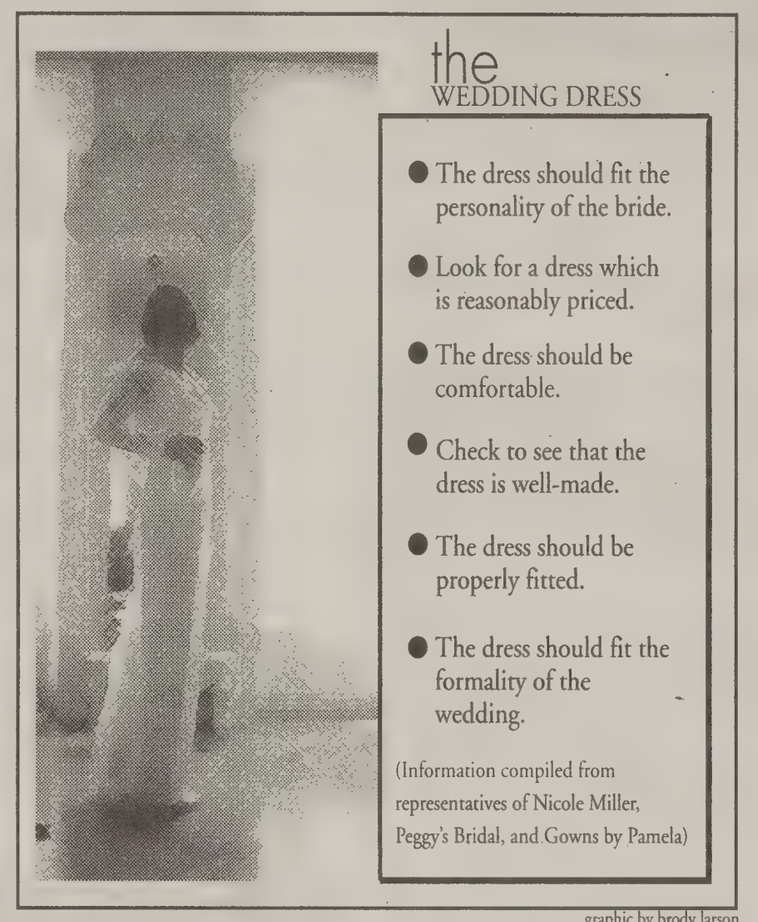
A popular look now is the two-piece dress. The two-piece look consists of a long satin skirt accompanied by a separate satin shell with a three-quartered length cashmere cardigan, Naylor said.

Other factors to consider when buying or renting a dress are cost, comfort and fit.

Most bridal boutiques in Provo are student friendly with prices ranging from $189 to $660.

At Peggy's Bridal, students are offered a 10 percent discount as well.

According to a consumer tip hotline for wedding dresses, the wedding dress must also be comfortable and flattering. The wedding day can be very long and hectic, so it is important to wear a dress and shoes that are comfortable.



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- The dress should fit the personality of the bride.
- Look for a dress which is reasonably priced.
- The dress should be comfortable.
- Check to see that the dress is well-made.
- The dress should be properly fitted.
- The dress should fit the formality of the wedding.

(Information compiled from representatives of Nicole Miller, Peggy's Bridal, and Gowns by Pamela)

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"Fame is proof that the people are gullible."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Save bucks on the perfect wedding

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It is every woman's dream to have a storybook wedding with beautiful flowers, gourmet food and a fancy dress.

Amid these visions of satin and lace comes the devastating wake-up call, "It all costs money, and most brides don't have any!"

Wedding fantasies need not turn into wedding nightmares due to monetary restrictions. With a little time, effort and creativity, a tight budget can produce a beautiful and memorable day.

Utahweddings Web site divides wedding expenses into categories and assigns each a percentage of the bridal budget.

The group demanding the largest portion of available funds is the ceremony and reception. Forty of the budget is allocated to cover a variety of expenses from the reception center to the flowers to the cake, according to the Web site.

Saving money on the reception center is easy. Have the gathering at the home of a friend or relative. It does not get cheaper than that.

Teri Phommabouth, a bride of nine years, majoring in accounting, said brides to be should look into renting school facilities.

A school provides a more formal environment than a home, but is still within a reasonable price range, she said.

"I rented the ballroom at UVSC for only $100." Phommabouth said.

Flowers represent a large portion of the reception budget.

Denise and Allan Fields, co-authors of "Bridal Bargains," suggest saving money by avoiding wedding dates that fall near major holidays.

Flowers are more expensive around Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day, the Fields said.

Kristy Crofts, from Shelly, Idaho, majoring in audio logy and speech language pathology, said one should look into an alternative to costly floral designers.

"I am buying my own flowers and then having a florist arrange them," she said.

With this plan, Crofts said she plans on avoiding the additional costs of consulting fees and merchant markups.

According to "Bridal Bargains," there are a number of cheap alternatives to floral arrangements. Balloons offer creative solutions to budget restrictions.

Catering for receptions tends to be expensive.

A Provo caterer charges $900 to feed 200 people a three item light-buffet meal. That was too much for Crofts' budget.

At her wedding, on July 13, her dad will be providing Dutch oven meals for all her guests, Crofts

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Pre-wedding male power

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All grooms deserve a bachelor party. They need to get a wedding present that roars like a lion and is capable of cutting down large trees and stop signs.

There are several reasons, but perhaps most important is the obvious fact that wedding presents are more likely to come from Linens n' Things than from the Home Depot.

"We got way too many candles and three sets of towels." Tad May, 22, a senior from Salt Lake City, majoring in history, said about his wedding gifts.

The truth is that every groom has experienced the disappointment of opening dozens of wedding presents only to discover ceramic after ceramic.

Men need presents that are measured in volts, not servings.

"We got four pitchers," said Joel Henriod, 22, a junior from Salt Lake City, majoring in American studies said.

Joel's frustration is understandable; pitchers do not come in 9.6, 12, and 18-volt versions. And that is precisely why bachelor's parties are so important.

Sure, as honor-code-abiding BYU students, many traditional aspects of bachelor parties are not available to BYU students. However, there is still plenty to celebrate.

Roommates and friends of May organized a bachelor party where the only activities of the evening included a fierce game of basketball and the giving of gifts (no glassware please).

Bravo! For those of you who have roommates with budding relationships, take note. This is definitely your responsibility.

May's bachelor party netted him, among other things, a ratchet set and a hacksaw.

Yes, a hacksaw. The perfect tool for shortening furniture or filing fingernails.

Tools given at a bachelor party should be overpowered and do not have to serve any specific need for the groom.

He merely needs to have the assurance that if he needs to put a perfect 3/8" hole into a lamppost, he can.

So, if you are a guy and you are reading this special bridal section, I'm sorry. But take heart. I'm here to spur your roommates on to throwing you a party that will pad your ego and leave you with a cache of equipment that will make Bob Villa jealous.

Brethren, unite. Give your roommate a bachelor party he can be proud of. Replace the old girl-cake routine with something that requires recharging and has at least four warning stickers on it.

Wedding Eve: party or pamper

Nikki Purdy

Special Sections Associate Editor

It's your last night of singledom, and you want to have something to remember for year's to come. So you and your best girl friends get together and have a raging party.

A handsome man in a loincloth with a twinkle in his eye jumps out of a cake and offers you a million-dollars – a gift from your favorite bachelorettes.

You smile and think dreamily that this is the most fun you have ever had.

Well, we don't live in fantasy-land, and in the real world, especially in Provo, bachelorette parties like that are few and far between.

By the time the night before the big day rolls around, the bride is so tired from planning and running last minute errands because she only had three weeks to prepare that it seems ridiculous to think she would want to spend the night romping around town when she probably won't sleep again for at least 24 hours.

Wedding Eve for many brides is typically time spent with family and close friends. It's not quite the wild, rip-roaring experience so many of us imagine it to be.

April Retford, 21, a junior majoring in dietetics from Gilbert, Ariz., said when her cousin got married in December, all the sisters, girl cousins, and a close friend spent the evening giving the bride manicures and pedicures while having "girl talk," which is a purely gender-based necessity.

For some it is a night of utter embarrassment.

Megan Kilgore, 23, a BYU graduate from Aberdeen, Wash., said her family has a big dinner with the groom's family, and they share embarrassing stories about the bride and groom.

I suppose that would be as good a time as any to inform the future spouse of any quirky habits you might have. At least he will have fair warning before taking the plunge, right?

I am sure that many brides, like my sister and sister-in-law, spent the night shopping for last minute wedding essentials – all those things they forgot to get beforehand because their minds were focused on whether there would be enough chicken salad croissants for all the guests and if they remembered to send an invitation to crazy Aunt Nelda in the Netherlands.

So, ladies, instead of hanging onto that last thread connecting you to your former single life, take some time out, relax and reminisce about the good old days.

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Wedding consultants ease planning anxiety

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Studying for finals. Going to work. Planning a wedding.

Balancing life as a student is hard enough, but adding the responsibility of planning a wedding can seem overwhelming.

It doesn't have to be, though.

Hiring a wedding consultant puts the responsibility in someone else's hands, and they do all the work.

The above statement is increasingly representative of the sentiments of many brides. They want to look and feel like they've come straight from a fairy tale — without the stress. That's where wedding consultants come into the picture.

Wedding consultant Karol Coles said, "I think that a lot of people just want to hand (the wedding planning) all over to someone else to take care of." Coles and her husband own Bart's Catering in Provo.

According to wedding consultant Gary Nelson, owner of The Historic Colonial House Catering and Reception Center in Lehi, the value of hiring a wedding consultant is that planning a wedding can be overwhelming.

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>
> — Karol Coles, wedding consultant at Bart's Catering

There are many wedding consultants to choose from — almost 30 listed in the Provo/Orem 2000 Phone Directory — but they all run their businesses differently.

Bart's Catering specializes in providing refreshments—not just finger sandwiches and punch, but spreads as elaborate as paella cooked on site at an outdoor reception. Coles feels that concentrating on the food aspect of receptions allows the couple flexibility in deciding who to hire for flowers, photography, etc.

The Coles' also own a function room overlooking the East Bay Golf Course they frequently rent out for receptions. Thus they are able to provide not only the reception services but the actual location as well. The function room seats about 100 people.

On the other hand, The Historic Colonial House Catering and Reception Center offers just about every component of wedding receptions including facility, décor, ice sculptures, limousine service, flowers, photography, invitations, cake, and even video service

"I pretty well do anything and everything other than formal wear," Nelson said.

Nelson compared himself to a general contractor directing the building of a house – he collects the money from the bride and groom, then arranges and pays other people for the services they provide. It's a form of convenient one-stop-shopping.

Greg's Distinctive Decorating in Provo helps the bride plan decorations, reception location, dinners, and any parties associated with the wedding. The company also rents out items that might be needed at receptions or associated parties.

The range of cost differs as much as the services offered. Coles said her company usually charges $350 to $650 per person attending a reception, depending upon the food served.

Nelson said he has seen people spend as between $1,300 and $7,000-$8,000 depending on the number of guests.

Greg Fowkes, owner of Greg's Distinctive Decorating, said he charges nothing for the actual consultation he provides. Thus, the costs incurred depend solely on what items are rented. People usually spend upwards of $300, he said.

Coles said that in the business of wedding consulting, a lot of people have come and gone over the years – probably due to the long and inconvenient hours. However Bart's Catering has been around for 55 years, although ownership has changed hands many times.

Nelson has been in the business for about 20 years and said, "Hiring someone who has a lot of years of experience is a big key."

Fowkes has been doing wedding consulting for 29 years – since 1972.

When asked if hiring wedding consultants is becoming a trend, Fowkes said that the number of people he services has remained about the same over the years.

Nelson, on the other hand, said that he sees the numbers slowly increasing, although residents of Utah County tend to be "do-it-yourselfers."

Rings vary in style and personality

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Once upon a time, brides wore simple hemp rings to symbolize their bond of marriage.

Men those days had it easy.

Today, the tradition of wedding rings has become a little more complicated. With so many settings, metals and diamond shapes, sizes and styles, potential grooms-to-be can be left in confusion.

With so many choices, how should a man go about picking out an engagement ring, anyhow?

Should he take his fiancee with him to pick out the ring of her dreams? Or should he trust himself to make the decision unaided?

Opinions differ among BYU students.

Some men pick out engagement rings completely on their own, like Sven Jensen, 24, a senior from El Paso, Texas, majoring in international relations.

"I wanted it to be a surprise," Jensen said.

Jensen got clues, though, to help him make a wise choice.

He found out what kind of metal she preferred, and asked his wife's friends about what kind of setting she'd like.

> "I wanted it to be from me, and not just something I put in money for."
>
> — J.R. Edwards BYU student

Jackie Walker, 22, a senior from Salmon, Idaho, majoring in horticulture, was also surprised by the engagement ring her husband picked out for her.

She thinks men should pick out engagement rings on their own.

"I could go in and say, 'Oh that three carat diamond is so pretty,' but if he doesn't have that kind of budget, then it's kind of awkward," Walker said.

At first, though, her husband had no idea about rings, so Walker offered him a little assistance.

"I had some ideas, but just kind of gave him some pointers, and he just went with it," she said.

"Since it's a gift from him, he should make the final decision."

J.R. Edwards, a 23-year-old junior from Malta, Idaho, majoring in chemical engineering, agreed.

"I wanted it to be from me, and not just something I put in money for," said Edwards, who will be married this March.

Edwards and his fiancee browsed in a few jewelry stores to see what style she liked, but ultimately he picked the ring out on his own.

Bruce On, however, a 22-year-old senior from Los Angeles, Calif., majoring in business management, went about it a different way.

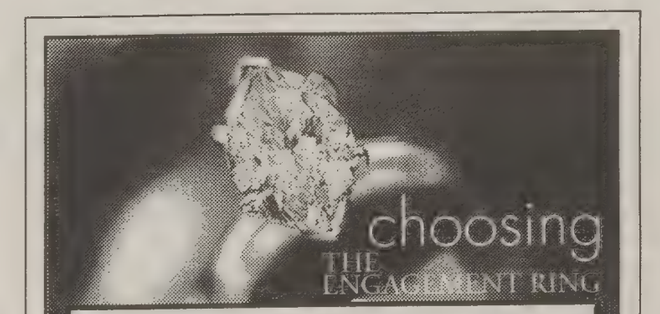
He asked his wife to marry him without a ring. He wanted to ask her before they looked at rings so she would be surprised by his proposal. Then they went together to pick out an engagement ring.

"I didn't know what she'd want," he said. "If I was going to spend so much money, I might as well get something she'd like."

On said he recommends that men go with the woman to get a ring, because it wasn't stressful at all.

Becky Bernhard, an employee at Goldesign , said she usually sees men come in with their women to pick something out.

"I would recommend the guy going with the girl, finding out what she likes and then going in alone later to buy it," Bernhard said.



- Pay attention when she admires someone else's ring.
- Notice which advertisements or photographs of rings she admires.
- Ask her friends and family what she likes.
- Notice the other jewelry she wears--wether she prefers a simple design or a more intricate piece.
- Notice metal choice as well--white gold, yellow gold, or platinum.
- Browse with her at a jewelry store.
- Learn about the diamonds so that you can make an educated purchase.
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Wedding videos, reception programs

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> "I think a video's more exciting than a scrapbook."
> — Kenny Curtis, BYU student

Those who have ever been to a wedding reception know standing in line to shake the hands of the bride, the groom and the proud parents can get tedious.

Thank goodness for wedding videos.

"I think a video's more exciting than a scrapbook," said Kenny Curtis, 23, from Mesa, Ariz., major a zoology, who will tie the knot in May.

"They're fun for the people standing in line to see how my fiancé was as a young girl," he said.

Todd Chiniquy, of the Provo-based North By Northwest Video Productions, said Wedding videos typically show pictures of the bride and groom, both as children and as adults, set to the couple's favorite music.

Besides providing entertainment and a photo history, wedding videos also preserve important memories.

"People only get married once. More often than not they're not going to remember everything," Chiniquy said.

However, retaining those memories comes at a price.

"A really good video can cost you anything between four and nine hundred dollars," said David Skousen, employee of Stone Cottage Video in Orem.

Despite the cost, Emily Golden, 22, a junior majoring in humanities, had only positive things to say about the video she and her husband had set up at their June 2000 wedding.

"It added a lot. It was definitely worth it," she said.

Golden said she and her husband still watch their video together once in a while.

Despite its popularity, not everyone is sold on the idea of wedding videos.

Neil Bly, 25, a sophomore from Riverside, Calif., majoring in computer science, said he thinks wedding videos are useless. But if she wants one, it is up to her.

Whether a fan of wedding videos or not, students should be on the lookout the next time they find themselves dozing in a reception line.

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People should look at the photography on the Internet and the quality of the work, Steed counsels.

"I found a photographer I liked and was able to see the work before I even went in," she said.

The fun does not end there.

Sites like www.target.com offer pre-registration options to save time in gift registering. Once the process is complete, the registry will be posted online, according to the Web site.

Other stores have similar options to make registering as fun and painless as possible.

The information out there is endless, but it is only as good as the Web sites you have to guide you.

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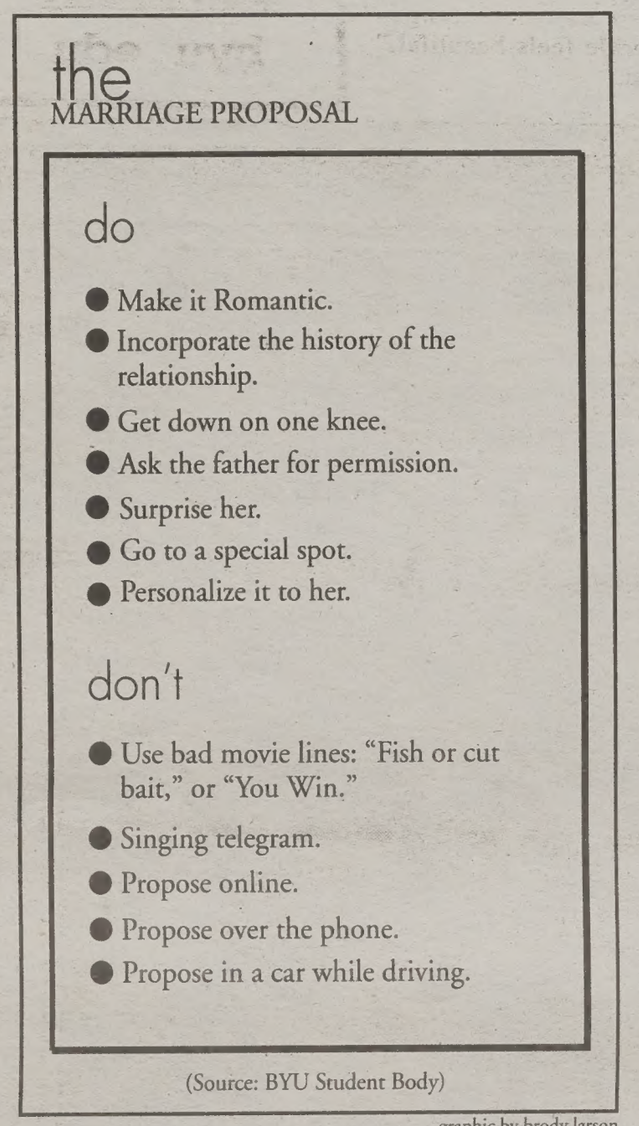

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Spring is not in the air yet, but it certainly will be soon.

This means a very important event lies ahead for some BYU couples: the wedding proposal.

Since this is one of the most important events of a couple's relationship, it is never too soon to start planning for a springtime proposal.

Gil Castro, 25, a sophomore from San Francisco, majoring in zoology, said he believed in incorporating a special moment of his relationship with his wife, Jen when he proposed.

"Our relationship became really serious when we had 'the talk' on top of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake."

Having sanctioned this as their special spot, Gill proposed to Jen there.

Other suggestions some students felt were important were getting down on one knee, asking the woman's father for permission, making it a surprise and adding a bit of romance to the whole occasion.

Shanna Coder, 21, a sophomore from Provo, majoring in business management knows all about romantic proposals.

"My husband, Zach told me to meet him at his house one Saturday to go ring shopping. When I got there, the door was locked and nobody was home," Shanna said.

Finding an envelope on the front porch, Shanna was sent on a scavenger hunt to all the places Zach and her had been on a date.

"I ended up at Sundance by a waterfall where there was a tape recorder. On it Zach told me all this cute stuff. At the end of the tape it said 'I have one more thing to say.' Zach then stepped out from behind a bush and asked me to marry him," Shanna said.

While some men may have a little trouble creating the perfect way to propose, there are some who need a little help in this area.

One BYU alumna relates how her husband still cannot live down having proposed to her with a fake diamond ring.

"He let me go around a whole week thinking it was real before he finally told me," she said.

Other things students advised against when proposing were baking the ring in food, using bad movie lines and singing telegrams.

Settings such as a car while driving or using the Internet or phone to propose are also advised against.

For some women, a romantic and meaningful proposal from the one they love is what makes the wedding proposal special

For some men, simply hearing the word yes is what makes the event memorable.

Advice to couples on the when, where and how of the honeymoon

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The time has finally come to go on the honeymoon. But, where to go, what to do, how long to stay, when to leave and most importantly, who's buying are questions every couple needs to ask.

These questions are essential and there are people who will be willing to their own give advice. But ultimately, the couple getting married should make the final decision.

Teresa Cameron of eHow.com. said the couple should begin by deciding exactly what kind of honeymoon they want. For example, some want a relaxing beach vacation while others a high-energy sightseeing trip.

Cameron suggests the couple choose a place where neither of them have been before. It is a good idea to use a travel agent, according to eHow.com, since there are prearranged honeymoon packages prepared for the special occasion.

After the couple decides where they would like to go on their honeymoon, the next step is planning.

The couple should start planning the trip early so it can be a truly memorable experience.

Be sure to build in plenty of time for rest and relaxation, according to the Web site.

Although the tips above are good suggestions, they are just that, suggestions.

One of the things that will make the honeymoon experience special for any couple is planning the trip together.

Couples know what is best for them and also what fits best with their own schedules and circumstances.

Those who cannot afford an extravagant and expensive vacation should choose a cheaper alternative.

Another suggestion is to wait until something a little nicer can be afforded.

It is important for couples remember not to go into debt for their honeymoon.

Going into debt will only make financial situations more difficult once the couple is together, according to the web site.

For couples on a tighter budget, there are some fun and inexpensive ways to plan a honeymoon.

The cost of a honeymoon in the Bahamas starts as low as $175, according to Peter Greensberg of MSNBC.

Hawaii is the number one choice of honeymooners, according to a poll taken by MSNBC.

Depending on the time of year, honeymooners can get good deals to Hawaii which include airfare, hotel room and rental car. These fairs are generally available during the winter months.

Great deals for honeymoons can also be found on some of the auction Web sites on the Internet.

Sites such as Ubid.com offer vacation packages that will often sell for low prices due to the availability and location of a specific vacation.

One of the drawbacks with these Web sites is flexibility. Also, honeymooners do not have the ability to customize their own plans.

Wherever engaged couples decide to go on their honeymoon, the most important thing to remember is to make it special for them.

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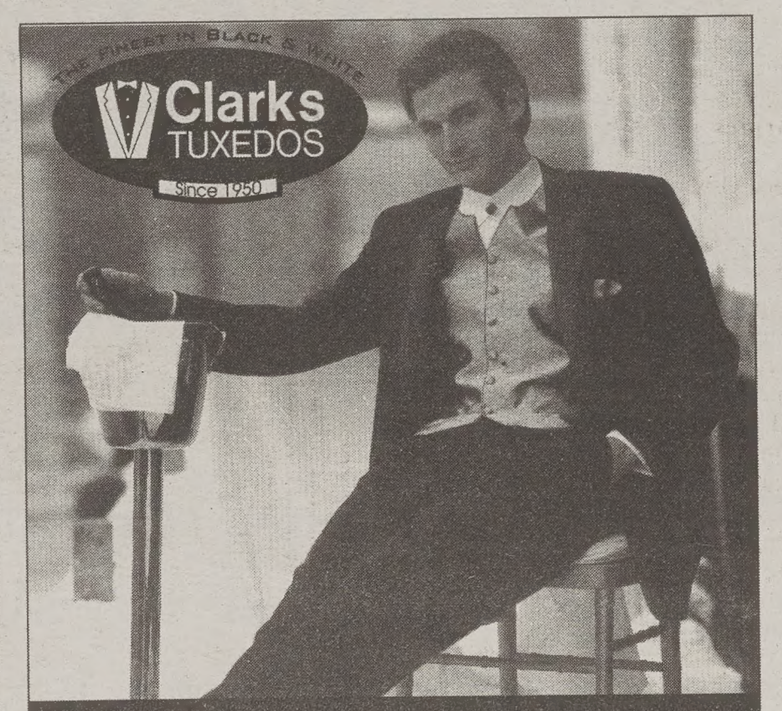

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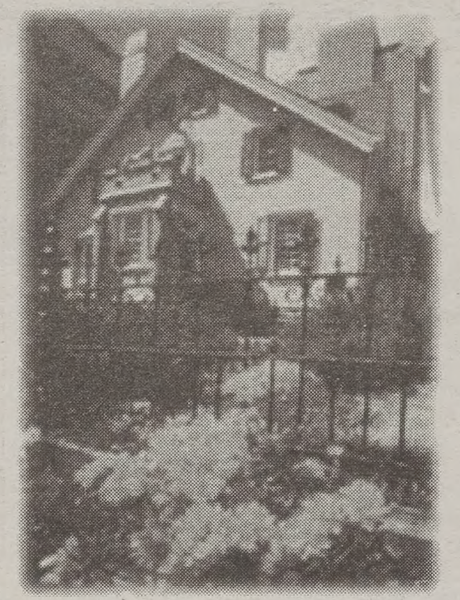

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The bride's been kissed and the vows exchanged, but next is the event that took all the planning.

Wedding receptions give couples the opportunity to express themselves in a variety of ways, from the location to the decorations; however, there are still decisions to be made.

Receptions take place in many different locations. Church cultural halls have become popular as a way to cut cost.

"Why not just have your reception in a free building?" said Karen Slovensky, 22, a senior from St. Charles, Mo., majoring in exercise science.

Decorations can help any location, including gyms, and some buildings may already have decorations provided.

Brad Forsgren, 23, a junior from Bountiful, Davis County, majoring in psychology, said a stake in Oregon has a "wedding crew" with decorations for any wedding that takes place in the stake center.

All the decorations are the same, but they are already there, Forsgren said.

Outdoor receptions are also an option during warm weather.

For those who want a very informal setting, barbecues can attract guests.

"My aunt had a barbecue in the middle of the afternoon, and it was so fun," Forsgren said.

Depending on how formal the reception is may, determine the length of the receiving line.

Formal or informal, however, short lines are more popular than the long traditional lines.

"According to Engaging Questions Web site, receiving lines have been becoming shorter in recent years, if they haven't been skipped altogether in favor of doing the tables.

While it is still important the hosts and guests of honor greet every guest, a relatively short receiving line is more fun for everyone and allows you to enjoy the party sooner, according to Wende Vyborney, from the Web site.

Slovensky feels similar about reception lines.

"I think lines are a good idea because it's the bride and groom's day and people should have the opportunity to congratulate them; but the shorter the line, the better," she said.

There are also plenty of opportunities to be creative with flowers and centerpieces.

Seasonal themes can provide an opportunity for different flower arrangements.

For a Christmas wedding, bouquets of holly can be used for the women and the men can wear boutonnieres of mistletoe, Vyborney said.

Fun centerpieces are also an option.

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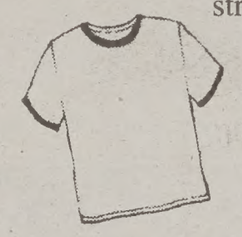

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"Here comes the bride, all dressed in white..." As far as weddings go, the first and most important thing is the bride. But even before the groom, there is the dress.

Buying a wedding dress can be one of the most exciting and frustrating parts of preparing to get married. Dresses are not cheap, but there are options.

"Renting is really the practical way to go," said Pamela Weight, owner of Gowns By Pamela in Provo.

The average price of a wedding gown is $800, plus $200 more for the headpiece and veil, Weight said.

But for about $300, a bride can rent the entire package.

Steffani Whitaker, 24, from Provo, bought her dress, but said she has since had second thoughts.

"I would rather have rented," Whitaker said. "My feeling is that I don't need to keep my wedding dress my whole life."

It seems many new brides have the same feelings. The Wilkinson Student Center bulletin boards are regularly cluttered with once used wedding dresses for sale.

Weight said she tires to impress on her customers that they will only use the dress once.

"It's the temple dress they really need to buy. They'll keep that and use it every month," Weight said.

Gowns By Pamela rents dresses for $300 and includes the headpiece and veil, as well as alterations and cleaning.

Brides don't have to worry about selection or dresses looking used. Gowns By Pamela offers dozens of skirts, tops and trains separate so brides can mix and match to create their own look, Weight said.

But still, many brides agree that there is no substitute to having your own dress.

"I didn't really want to wear something that was made for someone else," said Carrie LeBaron, 21, from Salt Lake City, majoring in English.

LeBaron said her parents paid for the dress, so cost was not a concern.

Michelle Palmer, 27, from Orem, majoring in marriage, family and human development, said renting was not an option for her because of all the little additions she wanted to make to the dress.

"It just depends on whether or not you can find what you want," Palmer said. "It really depends on you."

It is more convenient to rent, but sentimental women may want to buy, she said

Weight said many women wish to buy so they can show the dress to family or offer it to their daughter for her wedding.

However, Weight reminds buyers that styles change over time and white dresses will yellow if not properly stored.

Nevertheless, brides should keep all options open and stresses every bride is different, Weight said.

"The most important thing is that the bride feels beautiful," Weight said.

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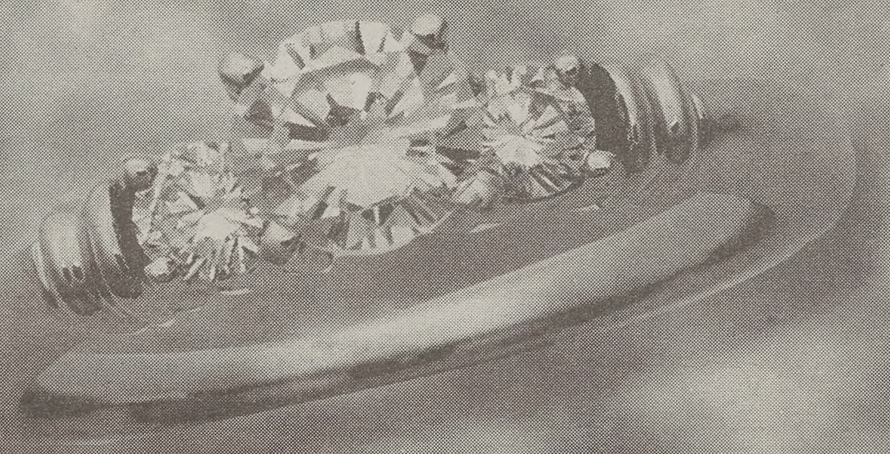

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Students offer wedding services to the engaged

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> "I started taking pictures to help students...I know how it feels to be broke from planning a wedding."
> — Liz Argyle
> BYU student

Weddings seem to be popping up everywhere and not a penny in sight.

Students find planning a wedding is not as cheap as they think. Luckily, other students are offering their services for a reasonably low price.

Liz Argyle, 21, a junior from Newark, OH, majoring in public relations, has been taking pictures for over six years.

"I love it, it's so much fun," Argyle said.

After her own wedding, and paying too much for pictures, she decided to go into business for herself.

"Places are expensive, and it's hard to do it on a student's budget," she said.

Argyle finds taking pictures of happy couples an enjoyable past time to her job.

"It's fun to see couples all giddy and happy," she said.

With reasonable prices and the number of weddings being planned, Argyle finds herself busy taking pictures each week.

"I started taking pictures to help students…I know how it feels to be broke from planning a wedding," Argyle said.

Other students decided to offer different expertise to help ease the money burden.

Shannon Price, 20, a junior from Peck, Kan., majoring in audiology and speech language pathology, started making flower arrangements for weddings three years ago.

"My sister-in-law is in the business and it looked like fun," Price said.

Many find her services helpful because of the price.

The flowers are bought at wholesale price and then clients are charged about $200-$250 for all the flower arrangements, Price said.

"This includes bouquets, center pieces, boutonnieres and any other arrangement they might need," she said.

Kate Klingonsmith, 21, from Greenbay, Wis., majoring in psychology, found making her own flower arrangements cheaper than ordering them from a professional.

"It was easier and cheaper than buying them. Besides, the florists didn't have anything I wanted," she said.

Lori Sanders, from Orem, tried on-line services when planning her wedding, but could not find the help she needed.

"Once we got engaged, we started looking for stuff on-line and couldn't find anything," she said.

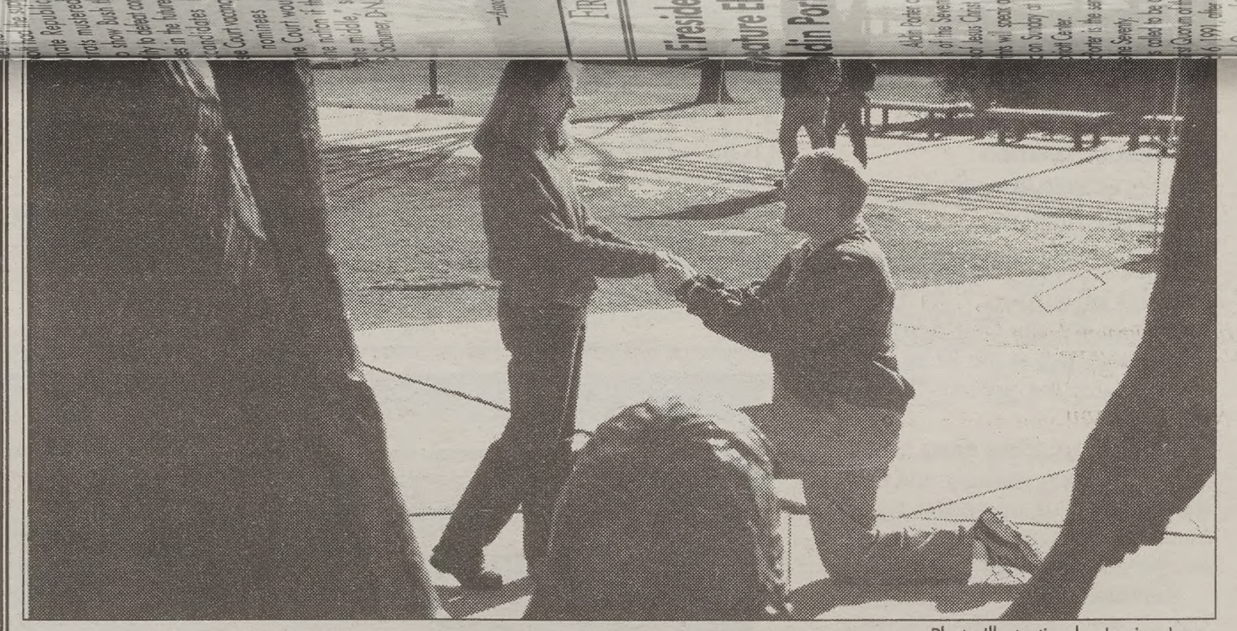
Since then, she and her husband have started their own Web site for LDS members called ldsweddings.com.

The Web site has received about 70,000 page views a month since opening two years ago, Sanders said.

The Web site offers everything from finding the perfect dress to advice on buying a new home.

"I was one of the first of my friends to get married, so no one could really offer any help," she said.

Ultimately, these service aspects entice students to help other students plan weddings.



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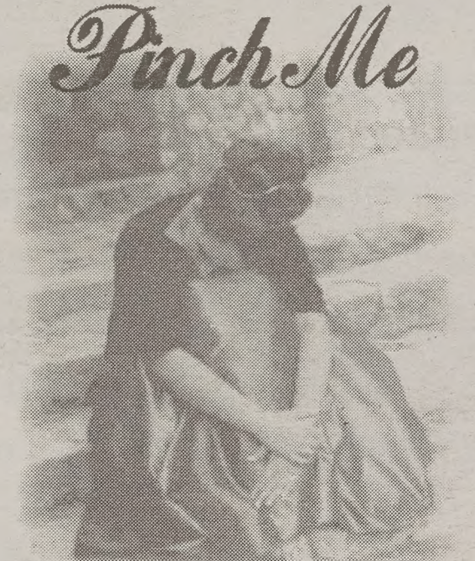

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Internet may help lighten wedding stress by saving time and money.

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After the "Will you marry me?" wears off a little, the planning involved in creating the ideal wedding can take its toll on any bride to be.

The Internet can help alleviate this stress by saving time and money on everything from wedding apparel to the honeymoon getaway.

Forty-eight percent of engaged couples with Internet access use the Web to get information and help plan their weddings, according to the NPD Group, an international marketing company.

Leah Bryan, 21, a junior from St. George, Washington County, majoring in visual arts, is a user of wedding Web sites.

"You can basically do everything on the Internet for your wedding," she said.

Bryan found the perfect invitations online.

"It was a lot cheaper. We saved close to $100 by going through the Internet," Bryan said.

Wedding Web sites offer countless opportunities to get free and discounted services to help plan the big day.

Of the many wedding Web sites available, www.templemarriage.com, www.weddingchannel.com, and www.theknot.com, offer everything from free newsletters to planning guides and checklists. These sites are also useful in locating businesses in any area.

Couples can get ideas for photography, floral arrangements, apparel and other services without even going into a store.

Joseph Labrum is the owner and chief photographer of "The Refined Image," a local photography studio.

Labrum said he recently started his photography Web page, www.TheRefinedImage.com.

"I hope the information there will sell people on my services before they ever pick up the phone to call me," he said.

Jessica Steed, 21, a senior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in political science, used the web to look for photographers and bakeries.

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